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PICTORIAL ISSUE

The Assembly was photogenic. Mr. Togo Fujihira, photographer of the Department of Visual Education of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, took countless shots including color pictures for the 35-millimeter Film Strip of the Assembly. This will be available by June 1 for $3.00 from the office of Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

Pictures of the speakers were featured in April, so are not shown in this issue.

***The Assembly Bulletin* will have excerpts of all the messages and addresses. Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Price, 25 cents.**

Material for study, including findings, will be advertised on the back cover page of THE METHODIST WOMAN when ready.

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GRAND AND GLORIOUS—WHY?

PURPOSE. "To discover the implications of our Christian faith in the present crisis"—embodied in the theme, "Christian Faith for a World in Revolution."

PROGRAM. All phases of the work were encompassed in the four days.

The spirit of devotion and worship was heightened through the daily meditations brought by Dr. Harold A. Bosley, the deeply moving service of Holy Communion, the music, the prayers and presence of the bishops, quiet moments in the Prayer Room, and the closing Commitment Service.

The missionary emphasis was highlighted through the introduction of missionaries, deaconesses, and nationals on the first night, and the five informal group meetings with the workers from home and abroad on Thursday afternoon.

Launching the National Citizens' Roll Call on Wednesday morning centered attention on the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

All three emphases shared in the topics presented.

PARTICIPANTS. No gathering ever had such a combination of notable and important speakers. Each one had a clear-cut message.

"Jesus Christ, the Great Revolutionist"—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

"The World in Revolution"—Mrs. Vera Micheles Dean.

"The Christian's Responsibility for Human Rights"—Dr. Benjamin E. Mays.

"A Christian Pattern for a World in Revolution"—Dr. Glora M. Wysner.

"The Christian Woman's Responsibility for Missions Through Education"—Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton.

"A Panoramic View of Missions"—Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

PATTERN. It was different. Plenary sessions with the above named speakers and section meetings with distinguished panel leaders and some individual participation continued the studies started last winter in fifteen communities across the country.

PROVISION FOR FELLOWSHIP. Officers' and workers' luncheons afforded get-acquainted opportunities and an exchange of ideas. The Exhibit Room, too, served as a gathering place for relaxation and fellowship.

PERSONAL DEDICATION. Composed of many parts, the Commitment Service cannot be described adequately in a brief span. It was an experience to be felt. As part of the service, six jurisdictions pledged a total of $5,415,043.00 for the year 1950-1951.

Thank You, Cleveland

Long-range planning was evidenced everywhere. Ten Assembly Committees and twenty local committees had worked with untiring zeal for many long months. Local women also served efficiently as pages and ushers throughout the four days. All those who had a part deserve great praise and high honor.

Third Assembly of the WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 18-21

Christian Faith for a World in Revolution

Registration

ivision and Staff Members...	83
elegates from Conferences and Jurisdictions	779
udents and Youth.....	77
issionaries and Deaconesses..	225
isitors who registered (many did not).....	1,978
	3,142

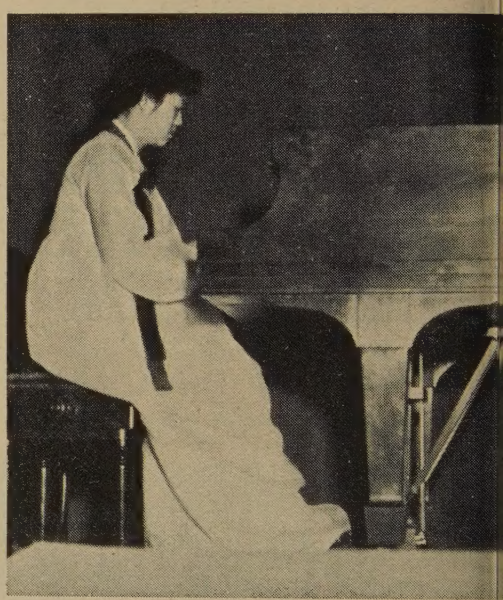
At last the great day arrived! Methlist women from everywhere gathred at the Music Hall eager to register nd receive their blue cardboard olders.

By two o'clock, the hubbub had bsided; the Music Hall was filled to pacity; speakers, officers, and staff embers were on the platform (lower ght picture) waiting for the curtain be raised on the Third Assembly.

A high point: the introduction of 209 missionaries, deaconesses, and nationals whose years of service totaled 3,772

Left: **Women took copious notes on the messages of Dr. Harold A. Bosley**

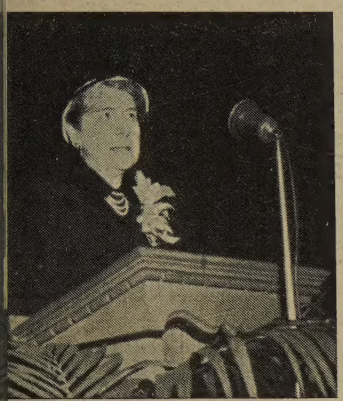
Right: **Charlotte Kang, 1949 graduate of Ewha Woman's University, now a student at Baldwin-Wallace College, delighted the great audience with a piano solo**



Below: **Nearly everyone joined in the opening song, "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"—the theme hymn**

Launching the National Citizens' Roll Call

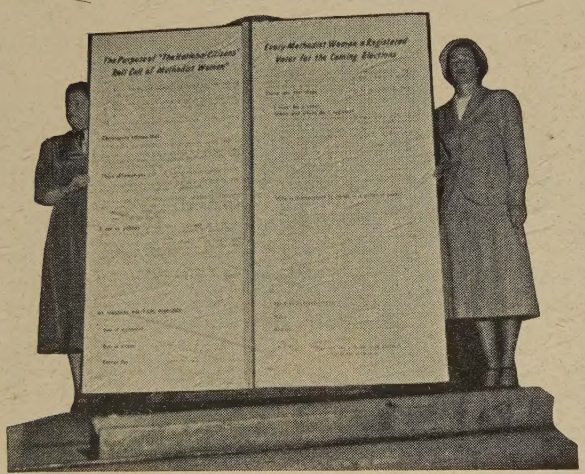
MRS. W. H. RATLIFF

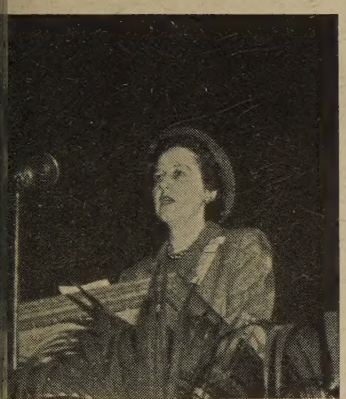


Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, presided at the session when by a rising vote, the Assembly adopted the National Citizens' Roll Call, a plan to get every Methodist woman to register and vote in local, state, and national elections. The motion was made by Mrs. C. P. Hardin of Knoxville, Tennessee, and seconded by Mrs. Louis Annette, Wesleyan Service Guild secretary-elect for Western Jurisdiction. Upon the request of Mrs. G. Haven Caldwell of Texas, Miss Thelma Stevens, Executive Secretary for the department, explained the Roll Call which was planned jointly by her department and the Committee on Status of Women.

MISS THELMA STEVENS

The poster below is an enlargement of the leaflet, *Where Does Christian Citizenship Start?* which was distributed



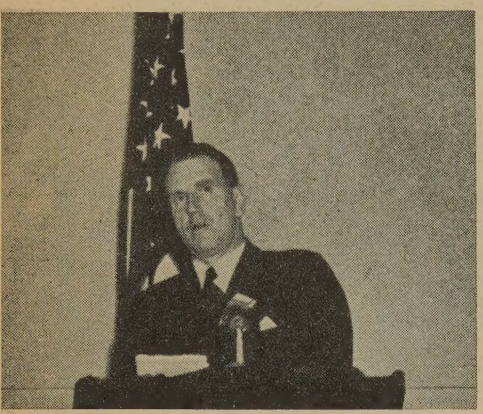


MRS. C. P. HARDIN

MRS. LOUIS ANNETTE

Introduction of World Federation guests and nationals made an impressive and colorful ceremony and platform scene on the opening night

Section and Informal Group Meetings



Dr. C. W. Ranson, General Secretary, International Missionary Council, panel member

Panel members discussing "The Christian Woman's Responsibility for World Missions": Miss Margaret Billingsley speaking

Above: Individuals participated in section meetings: Miss Margaret Marshall speaking

Below: Informal group meeting with missionaries discussing "In the Ministry of Healing": Mrs. Robert Stewart speaking

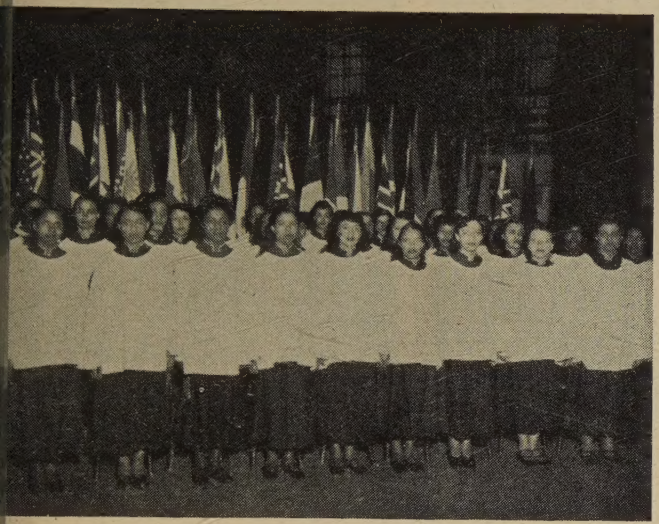
Mrs. Willis J. King of Liberia, Chairman a section on "The Christian Woman's I sponsibility for Human Rights"

Every section meeting had three hard-working recorders

Features

Scarritt College Choir, Nashville, Tennessee

Mrs. Marion Jackson Downs, soloist for the Commitment Service, also sang at the Promotion Secretaries' luncheon



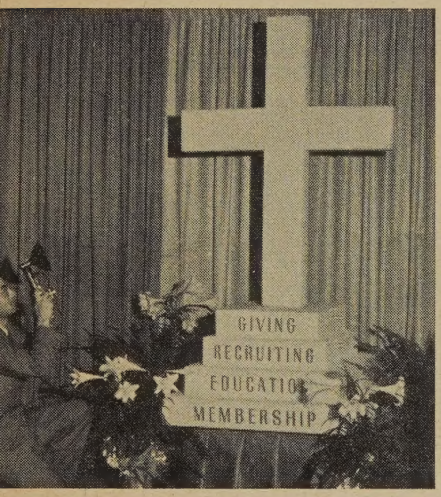
Bennett College Singers, Greensboro, North Carolina

National College for Christian Workers Singers, Kansas City, Missouri

lents and their leaders took a sack-lunch and went on a t-seeing bus ride in place of having a luncheon. More fun!

The Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend registered 650 delegate Mrs. Charles Mead announced that a $10,000 scholarship fun honoring Miss Marion Lela Norris, will be divided betwee Scarritt College and National College for Christian Worke

The stage setting for the exhibits in the ballroom centered on literature, the backdrop being a star-studded sky panel topped by a revolving world to emphasize the theme, "Christian Faith for a World in Revolution." Each star portrayed Kodachrome slides depicting work of the Woman's Division. This extravaganza was executed by Mr. Anton Pilversack, technical production manager; from a basic idea suggested by Mrs. E. LeRoy Stiffler, Publication Manager



Mr. Togo Fujihira focuses his color camera on the centerpiece of the Organization and Promotion exhibit, for a shot which may be shown in the 35-mm. Kodachrome Film Strip of the Assembly. (See inside cover page)

Mrs. Ray Miller of Forest Grove, Oregon, will probably teach the textbook she is discussing with Elaine Wolfe

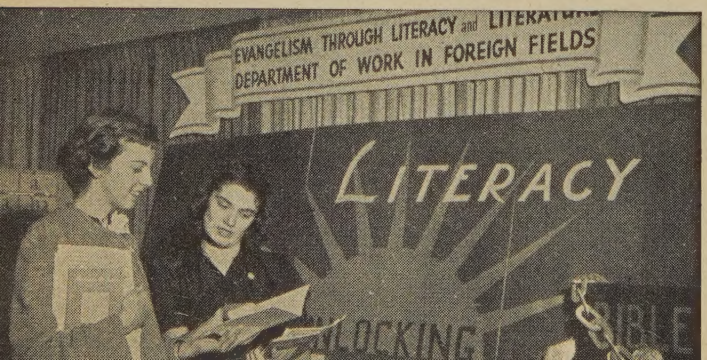
Features of the exhibit of the Depa ment of Work in Home Fields includ Miss Lucy May Benally weaving Navajo rug

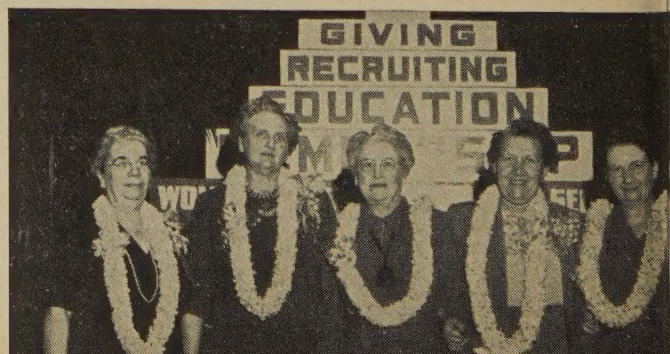
Left: **Picking up information on Christian Social Relations**

Right: **Awaiting their cue for the dramatic presentation of the Needs of the World, a part of the Commitment Service**

Lower left: **A popular stopping place. The exhibit tells its own story**

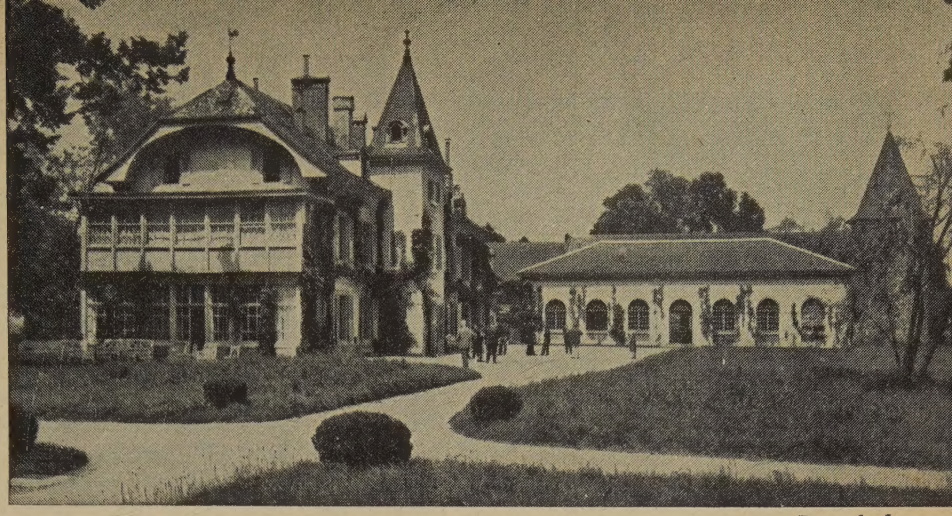
Lower right: **Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver wearing leis presented by Mrs. John Wasson, President of Hawaii Mission Conference**





Report From Geneva

By MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS,
President, Woman's Division of Christian Service



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The beautiful Chateau de Bossey at Celigny, Switzerland, where the meeting of the commission was held

CHRISTIAN women, from the time of Paul to the present, have realized that Christ brought them new liberty. They have been aware also that this new freedom must be used with quiet dignity and wise discretion, even in the church.

To study the life and work of women in the church, twenty-five men and women from seventeen countries were called to meet in a pioneering task at the Chateau de Bossey (Ecumenical Institute) near Geneva, Switzerland, March 6-10, 1950. The place of the meeting was significant in view of the fact that the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at its meeting in Chichester, England, in July, 1949, had set up a Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church to be a continuing part of the World Council's activity. The headquarters of the World Council of Churches is in Geneva, Switzerland; the Ecumenical Institute, eleven miles from Geneva, has been a center—a meeting ground—where the churches of a devastated world could begin to build up new mutual understanding.

Not the least valuable part of the meeting of the commission, I found to be the Christian fellowship with the men and the women from the different countries. I did not always see problems or approaches to problems in exactly the same way that some other members of the commission saw them; my life has not been spent under a state church as have the lives of many other members of the commission. This fact, together with our varying types of opportunities for service in the church, made for differences in viewpoint to a stimulating degree.

Dr. Kathleen Bliss of England presided as chairman of the commission; Miss Sarah Chakko will serve for fifteen months as executive secretary. On sabbatical leave from her task as president of Isabella Thoburn College at Lucknow, India, Miss Chakko will guide the commission in its first creative, pioneering period. Her headquarters are in Geneva, at 17, Route de Malagnou.

Other men and women on the commission, representing different viewpoints, particularly on theological approaches to the problems, are from Norway, Scotland, England, France, Argentina, Sweden, Germany, Holland, Japan, South Africa, China, Greece, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. In addition there are four consultants: one from the International Missionary Council, one from the United Council of Church Women, one from the World Y.W.C.A., and Mrs. Samuel McCrea Cavert, who, soon after the end of the second World War, under the Study Department of the World Council of Churches, directed the sending of a questionnaire on the life and work of women in the church to many countries of the world.

This questionnaire was prepared and circulated in English, German, and French; it was translated into many other languages. (Methodist women will recall that in our church this questionnaire was distributed through Status of Women secretaries.) The questions related to the following: the interest in the problem of the life and work of women in the church; the professional and the voluntary work of women; the extent to which women's gifts are integrated in the governing boards and policymaking groups of the churches; and women's work in the church compared with the stage of emancipation which they have achieved in different countries.

Never before has attention been systematically directed toward gaining a picture of the life and work of women in the church as a whole—both professional and voluntary—toward an evaluation of it as it is, and the hopes for its future. Great interest was aroused in this study because it was undertaken from an ecumenical and world point of view. Fifty-eight countries sent in memoranda, many of them from fifty to a hundred pages or more in length.

A short interim report was prepared in time for the meeting of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in August, 1948. This meeting was preceded by a preparatory conference at Baarn where church women from seventeen countries charted the way for the discussions at the Assembly itself.

As a result of all this preliminary concern and effort on the part of

many women in many countries, the following recommendations were received by the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches and commended to the churches for their serious consideration and appropriate action:

1. That the Interim Report on the "Life and Work of Women in the Church" be republished with necessary corrections and additions.
2. That a longer report on the "Life and Work of Women in the Church" be prepared.
3. That an adequate supply of information about women's activities be provided through the Ecumenical Press Service and other channels.
4. That a greater number of women be chosen to serve on the commissions, the major committees, and the secretariat of the World Council of Churches.
5. That a commission composed of men and women be appointed with adequate budget and executive leadership, to give further consideration to the "Life and Work of Women in the Church" and to give guidance on important issues.

It was to carry out the last point of the above recommendations that the commission, of which I was made a member, met in Geneva. This commission, as has been indicated, owes its existence to the widespread interest in the churches throughout the world in women's work in and for the church.

It is hoped within a year to publish the results of the survey of women's work, made for the conference at Baarn, in the form of a book. The larger part of the five days, which I spent at Geneva, was spent discussing the content and the emphases to be put into this book, which will be compiled by Dr. Kathleen Bliss of England.

No such book, drawing together world-wide examples of the work of women and setting out the thought of many churches and groups on the life of women in the church, has ever been written. It is our hope that even those churches which have given most consideration to this subject will find fresh insights and wider horizons.

We have within the membership of this commission a meeting place of East and West, of ancient churches and of comparatively young ones. It is our desire to serve all. We know that, while among some nations women have progressively entered into a life of freedom and opportunity, in other nations they are only just beginning to rise from a position of dependence and even subjection.

At this moment, much of what is often called "Western civilization" is sweeping over the lands of the East and of Africa, breaking down old communities and offering a freedom which for women in particular brings, with new opportunities, new insecurities and temptations. But we rejoice that to countless women Christianity has come as a liberating power, lifting them up to a new freedom in Christ in which they truly become persons.

The existence of our commission will, we hope, help Christian women throughout the world to have a new sense that none of them are alone in the difficulties and dangers of these times. It is our intention, so far as we are able, to express this solidarity by interpreting the opinions and achievements of different groups to each other, and to this end we hope that our secretary, Miss Sarah Chakko, in visiting, where conditions permit, will show our concern that the burdens of each should be borne by all.

Our commission is composed of men and women. We are convinced that as God created us in the beginning man and woman in his image, he intended that men and women should help each other to perform their tasks in the church and in the world. We know that the church has often failed to exemplify to the world this joint mission of men and women. We intend, therefore, to promote within the churches a new concern to discover, taught by God's Word and inspired by his Spirit, what it means that men and women are one in Christ.

We have set in motion, therefore, a study which will take account of the best that we can learn from science about the nature of man and of woman. Many hours were spent at Geneva determining what form this study should take. It was finally determined that we should look at the practical tasks which have to be performed and try to see them in the light of biblical teaching. We shall enlist the help of theologians and church leaders, scientists, and persons of practical experience in the working together of men and women, as we pursue this study. We trust that it will be found helpful to the churches.

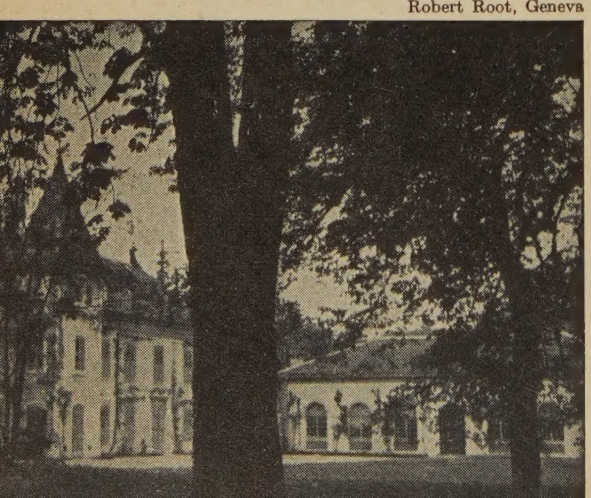
Our hopes are large, but the staff and financial resources are very small. We can, therefore, only hope to serve if the churches themselves give thought to and take action upon this great subject of the life and work of women in the church. In that way they will help us to pass from church to church fresh light and new achievement.

EMERGENCY!

On March 30, the Nurses' Quarters at the Seward Sanatorium, Bartlett, Alaska, were entirely destroyed by fire. Fifteen graduate nurses lost everything they owned: clothing, insurance papers, bonds, jewelry, even their uniforms because the fire occurred at night. One of the graduates was badly burned and injured by jumping through a window into a snowbank. All the furnishings, including a new refrigerator in the kitchenette and the living room piano and radio, were also destroyed. Children and convalescent women who were in the converted barracks nearest the nurses' quarters were evacuated.

Money for supplies is desperately needed immediately, and may be sent in as Cash for Supply Work designated for Seward Sanatorium emergency.

ne Chateau de Bossey as glimpsed from under the trees
Robert Root, Geneva



Tribute to Ruth Anderson

By MARIO DE LACERDA

RUTH ANDERSON

Senor Mario de Lacerda, a journalist and radio commentator in Porto Alegre, Brazil, spoke over the radio on the evening of December 16, following Ruth Anderson's funeral that morning. Senor Lacerda was present at the tragic event which transpired just as the fifty young girls, among them his own daughter Ieda, were to receive their junior high school certificates. Since his "Comment on the Day" was a spontaneous, public expression of appreciation by a Brazilian who had known Ruth for a number of years, and whose daughter had been educated under her administration, it is most significant.

COMMENT ON THE DAY

Radio Station Gaucha

by Mario de Lacerda

December 16, 1949

"THEN said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them. . . .

"Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?"

The Book of Ruth is one of the shortest of those which comprise the Old Testament. But how much beauty is found in the eighty-five verses of its four chapters!

When, yesterday afternoon in the beautiful and dignified auditorium of Colegio Americano, we witnessed a scene so touching, in appearance so simple, in reality so profoundly grave and sad and deeply moving, this biblical story came to our memory:

"Then she fell on her face. . . ."

Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson, principal of Colegio Americano, had just entered the auditorium, crossed the platform, and was presiding at the ceremony of giving the certificates to the pupils who, having completed the junior high school course, were filled with joyous anticipation, and in whose eyes, and on whose faces, and even in whose simple but beautiful graduation dresses, the happiness of the occasion was reflected. It was a lovely spring day of their lives when they had achieved their greatest triumph in life, and now only awaited the great moment of fulfillment.

Miss Anderson was extremely pale as she stood before the audience. This was very apparent to those who witnessed the scene. And this great American educator, whose work, so beautiful yet so silent, honored her own country, the United States of North America, had much reason to feel the great emotion which found expression in her pallor.

Many of the young girls in the graduating class had entered Colegio Americano shortly after Miss Anderson was made principal of the school, nine years ago. To these girls she had given personal supervision of their education as they came up from the primary grades. Then, with a brief three-year interruption, due partly to a leave of absence spent in her own country, she again became the principal of the school to guide these girls in their last year in junior high school. During these years she not only fulfilled her specified duty as principal of the school, but above all she was able to fulfill the great mission of transmitting to the hearts of these young girls the kindness which filled her own heart. And furthermore, she fulfilled the motto of the school: "To educate is to teach to live."

Miss Anderson began to speak: "We shall now proceed to give the certificates to the pupils who have completed the first part of the secondary course—"

And, slowly, as one who has reached the end of her journey, she extended her arm over the table, and quietly, without a moan, laid her face on her hand and—

Macy observes that homesickness, or longing for home, has made the Book of Ruth universally known and loved. And Keats, in his *Ode to a Nightingale,* condenses this longing for home into three lines, which have been called "a miracle of expression":

"Perhaps the self-same song that found a path
Through the heart of Ruth, when sick for home,
She stood in tears amid the alien corn."

Emotion took her in its arms to take her to the presence of Him to whom she said:

"O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar off. . . .
Thou hast . . . laid thine hand upon me. . . ."

What more can we say of this beautiful spirit which has left us, whose life was given in the cause of education in our midst?

Perhaps Wordsworth expresses it: "Thy soul was like a star. . . ."

And thy memory will shine in the hearts of these young girls which as yet have not been touched by the bitterness of the times.

—Spoken in Portuguese over Radio Station GAUCHA in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on the night of December 16, 1949.

Translated from Senor Mario de Lacerda's script by Mary Sue Brown.

Highlights From the Home Field

Medical Work

First Result of Advance Funds

THE first building to be improved through the Advance in the Home Department is the Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement, El Paso, Texas. Now the living quarters for all the nurses in the Newark Hospital and the workers in Houchen Settlement are under one roof. A real home has been developed, and the girls are thoroughly enjoying its atmosphere. Their diversified interests furnish topics of conversation for all, and it is indeed a happy family.

Three nurses have been added to the staff of the hospital, which gives cause for rejoicing. They are greatly needed—six babies arriving in a day tax the resources of our small hospital. Three sets of twins were born within forty-eight hours. There have been a surprising number of multiple births during the past year.

The boys and girls in the clubs are happy in their new rooms in the settlement, and their programs are full of interest. The new kindergarten—with its cabinets along one entire side for supplies, the long counter for work and play, the new piano, tables, and chairs—is a large, sunny room with windows on three sides. The contrast to the basement room formerly used is very striking. The day nursery is full to overflowing, and although some of the babies are growing up, learning to walk, and acquiring teeth, other tiny ones replace them so the cribs are in constant use. Some of these babies are very pathetic when they first come in, and it is a great satisfaction to watch their development and improvement physically and mentally.

Field Trips in Alaska

Maynard-MacDougall Memorial Hospital is continuing its healing ministry in Nome, Alaska, and the surrounding areas. Dr. Fred Langsam and the Rev. Robert Treat go together on trips to native villages. They also work with Miss Esther McCoy, the missionary at Lavinia Wallace Young Mission. This is a fine team, working together with great efficiency.

Dr. J. T. Shelton, Seward General Hospital, is interested in making regular trips to some of the villages on the Kenai Peninsula, where there is no medical service at present. To make this possible, he is planning to have a young doctor as his assistant. Dr. Shelton flies his own plane, but has not been able to make these trips with any regularity in addition to caring adequately for the patients at the Seward Hospital.

Everyone connected with Methodist work in Alaska is anticipating the visit of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division, and Mrs. A. C. Johnson, chairman of the Home Department, during this summer. They will attend the Annual Conference to be held in Juneau, visit the three projects in Seward, the church at Anchorage, and go on to assist at the dedication of the new hospital at Nome. It will be an interesting trip for them and they will bring great inspiration to the members of the Woman's Societies in the places they visit.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORK IN HOME FIELDS

Educational Institutions: Miss Muriel Day
Town and Country: Miss Marjorie Minkler
Urban Work: Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner
Social Welfare: Miss Miriam V. Ristine
Medical Work (Associate Secretary): Mrs. Robert Stewart
Deaconess Work: Miss Mary Lou Barnwell
Associate Secretary: Miss Ruth Pope

Bataan Memorial Methodist Hospital

The financial campaign for the new hospital at Albuquerque, New Mexico, to replace the present sanatorium, is progressing nicely. There is no question of sufficient funds for the building, but we are hoping that our members will remember the need for furnishings for rooms, special equipment, and various other types of supplies. This will provide a splendid opportunity for memorial gifts, and we anticipate that many will be received and placed in this temple of healing.

School of Nursing Needs Help

Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, continues its outstanding service to the Negro citizens of that area. The greatest problem is the School of Nursing. A survey by the State Board of Examiners has pointed out a number of deficiencies which threaten to affect the rating of the school. Since it is the only basic school in Florida, this is a serious situation. The principal criticism is our inadequate housing, the crowded condition of our Nurses' Home. This involves a building program which cannot be solved at the moment. The library is another "below par" item which could be corrected by purchases of books. However, the amount of money needed is almost prohibitive, but we hope to be able to meet that obstacle. We have received accreditation for both internes and residencies in obstetrics and gynecology, so it would be a sad thing indeed to lose the accreditation of the School of Nursing with the possibility of closing the entire school. We have faith to believe that this will not happen to this outstanding piece of missionary service.

—MRS. ROBERT STEWART

Active and retired missionaries and deaconesses, now working or living in Central Kansas Conference, honored at a luncheon by the Board of Managers of Esther Hall, Wichita, Kansas, included from left to right, seated: Miss Mary G. Kesler, on furlough after thirty years in China; Miss Janett E. Howard, deaconess at Grace Church, Winfield; Miss Vievie Souders, retired; Miss Kathryn Millsap, chaplain, Wesley Hospital, Wichita. Standing: Miss Louise Dutcher, youth director, Conference Board of Education; Miss Harriet Morris; Miss Lulu Paterson, superintendent of Esther Hall; Miss Jeanette Walters, former missionary to Korea; Miss Lena Moffett, retired; Miss Florence Garwood, former superintendent of Wichita Esther Hall; Mrs. Clara Scott, Methodist Children's Home, Newton; Miss Edith Youtsey, on furlough, evangelistic work in China; Mrs. Grace Hall, Wichita city missionary; Miss Jennie Walker, former missionary to China and Puerto Rico; Miss Grace Packer, retired.

Frances DePauw Activities—Home, School, and Church

At the beginning of each school year the girls at Frances DePauw School and the boys at Spanish American Institute, Los Angeles, hold an Acquaintance Party. Each month following, they get together for parties, field days, square dances, picnics, and beach parties. The grand finale is the May Day picnic. A girl is chosen as queen by the boys, and a king is chosen by the girls. It is done by secret ballot, and the crowning takes place at the May Day picnic.

In many cases the religious training of the girls is given in connection with their work and play. We do have many planned religious activities, aimed at giving the girls a satisfying Christian experience and training them as Christian homemakers and church leaders. Each morning at the breakfast table we have a devotional period led by a staff member or a student. One night a week they meet in small groups in their counselors' rooms. These meetings are varied: discussions of everyday problems, book reviews, Bible study—whatever is needed at the time. The girls are divided into four groups for church attendance. They attend Plaza Mexican Methodist Church, Rosewood Methodist Church, Hollywood First Methodist Church, and Fountain Avenue Baptist Church.

Each Sunday evening the Methodist Youth Fellowship meets. Here the girls definitely take over the leadership of their meetings. At one of their meetings, Sergeant Elizabeth Eggleston, policewoman of the Los Angeles Police Force, told of her work; another time, Mrs. Esther Stodel, mother and public school teacher, talked about girls' problems; and an international meeting was held, including Japanese, Negro, Mexican, and Chinese Christians. The American Leper Society provided a film for a program. The girls were greatly excited because eleven of the girls and two staff members were in the picture, and many of the scenes had been filmed on Frances DePauw campus. The Spanish American Institute boys were guests at this meeting.

The Easter chapel service is a Communion service which the girls take very seriously. They will not partake of the elements if they are not on "speaking terms" with all the family. Both the senior and the junior choir furnish music for the chapel services, and they also sing on special programs at various churches.

The Zenaida Club is an interesting organization. It was initiated by the students who are interested in the welfare of the school and of others. They gave a musicale consisting of numbers by the girls, and by members of the International Friendship Club of Los Angeles High School, of which Socorro Gutierrez was vice-president. The proceeds were given to the mother of one of the girls who is a volunteer Protestant missionary among the poor in Tijuana,

Mexico. The club is also responsible for editing *Zenith,* the school paper.

The alumnae of Frances DePauw School are quite active. They held a bazaar last year and gave one tenth of their profit to the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and fifty dollars to the Jennie Matthias fund (to be used for furnishing a room in the new dormitory).

In the spring of each year, the public schools hold "open house." Several of our staff visited Le Conte Junior High School and the Hollywood High School which our girls attend. One of our seniors, Aurora Chee, was president of the Girls' League at Hollywood High School, and her sister succeeded her the following year. This is the highest elective office for girls at the school.

The last weeks of school are always busy ones for the graduates. The seniors usually give a play for the entertainment of the alumnae of Frances DePauw, and the other high-school girls serve the dinner. The staff usually entertains the graduates at a dinner, which is followed by an Honor Assembly, when sewing, music, reading, and citizenship awards are given. All of this is "topped off" by the annual prom, date night, skip day, and finally commencement, which makes the seniors feel very much graduated.

—Mrs. Estelle Howard,
Superintendent

Harwood Pupils Make Contribution

One of the most important contributions to Bataan Memorial Methodist Hospital's campaign for $1,000,000 was turned in at the last report meeting of the Methodist Participation Group. It amounted to around $800; $600 from the faculty, and $200 from the students. The students raised their money partly by donation and partly by three sacrificial dinners. At the dinners, the students who had previously voted to adopt the suggestion of Perfilia Marquez, twelfth-grade pupil, ate only potato soup, crackers, and dried peaches. The balance of what the usual meal would cost was set aside for the hospital. "I suggested the dinner because nineteen other students here at Harwood and I want to become nurses," Miss Marquez explained. "We plan to attend Bataan Memorial Methodist Hospital Nurses' Training School when it is opened. We know all about the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church and that is back of it, too. We at Harwood are a part of the Woman's Society program."

Harwood is one of the oldest Woman's Society projects in Albuquerque. For sixty-four years the school has been accepting students on the basis of educational needs, mostly from tiny villages with limited facilities. Most children pay tuition on a graduated scale according to financial status, but no child is ever turned away for lack of money, and there are a number of orphans at Harwood.

—*From the* Albuquerque Tribune, *February 23, 1950*

Urban Work

Children . . .

Children are receiving special attention this year because of the Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth. What is happening to little children in minority groups? This is one of our deepest concerns in the program of home mission work.

In Texas, Florida, and elsewhere, we conduct kindergartens for Latin-American children of Mexican, Cuban, and Puerto Rican descent.

"Three children who didn't know a word of English came to our kindergarten recently from old Mexico. First came the two boys, rather shy and quiet. They sat down in the nearest chairs and observed everything that was going on around them. Then the little girl came in, rather scared. Her eyes were big and wide as she suddenly ran and grabbed an armful of toys. Immediately there were screams of protest from the other girls who had been playing house with the toys. 'What happened,' I asked in Spanish. She said, 'I found these toys.' I could well understand her. She had found a lot of toys, probably more than she had ever seen in all her life. I gently explained to her that the toys were there for all the children and would be there all the time. I explained to her about sharing. She has since become one of our best little pupils."

Parents . . .

Close co-operation with parents in classes, home calling, and parent councils is stressed as revealed in this report: "The new president of the House Council had come to talk to a group of parents about a spaghetti supper that the House Council was sponsoring. He first remarked that the parents were having a good time making valentines for their children who were there playing in the yard. 'At the time I came to enroll my boy in kindergarten, I was on the verge of a nervous break,' he continued. 'I did not then have the contacts with the school that I have now, and I did not have many close friends. The association with parents in meetings and the contacts with the workers here helped to tide me over a very difficult time in my life.' "

Another worker writes of her first experience in a Latin community: "This is what I heard as I came out of our front door on a Tuesday afternoon and paused to speak to one of the mothers waiting her turn in the Baby Clinic: 'I have no control over the children as soon as their father comes home.' 'But why don't you continue to make them mind?' 'Because they know they don't have to.' The woman in the Cuban culture is to be protected and dominated. Our young mothers are trying to give their girls the same privileges as the boys—a chance to live their own lives. Since many of them feel they must work, their child is left in the care of the grandparents much of the time. This tends to create some confusion both in the

mind of the child and the mother. My prayer is that they may come to see that the most important things for which to strive are a sense of individual worth and a fellowship with God."

Work with little children in kindergartens and with parents continues to be emphasized in our sixteen Bethlehem Centers as indicated below:

"Many of the families we serve have had children in the Center program since it was started in 1941. This continuous service has helped us to meet the needs of the family more effectively. The father of one of our families has been ill for over two years, and the mother has had a difficult time supporting four children. She was quite disturbed when she got behind in Naomi's kindergarten dues. 'I just can't let the Center down, for it has done too much for me and my children.' We have received some criticism for not allowing families such as this to take part in our program free of charge. However, we have found that the families who pay dues are the ones who really appreciate our program and are anxious for their children to attend all of our groups possible. When the family is in real need, we are glad to help them."

"The teachers of our kindergarten are kept busy preparing seasonal songs and music for the many appearances that the children have been making in our churches. The ambition of each child is 'to beat the drum' in the rhythm band, and regardless of the time of year, 'Jingle Bells' is still the favorite tune. We hope that the older boys and girls will be able to perform in the near future as they are quite envious of the younger members of their family.

"As I was walking down the street shortly after I began work at Bethlehem Center," writes a young deaconess, "one of my neighbors stopped and said, 'You are the new worker at the Bethle'm, aren't you? Well, I'm sure we will like you. They only send us well-liked people.'"

—Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner

HAIL AND FAREWELL

By MRS. A. C. JOHNSON, *Chairman of the Department of Work in Home Fields*

A Tribute

It is a joy to pay a well-deserved tribute to Miss Miriam V. Ristine, retiring Executive Secretary of the Bureau of Social Welfare Work.

Miss Ristine has served most acceptably in this capacity since the organization of the Woman's Division in 1940, coming to us from the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. She brought to our work many lovely gifts: an earnest, devout Christian character; a gracious, charming personality; an unusual intellect; a depth of understanding such as few people possess. An energetic, tireless worker, always co-operative, Miss Ristine has endeared herself to the members of the Woman's Division, the staff, with whom she has been more closely associated, and to those serving out in the field, who looked to her for counsel and guidance. All hold her in high esteem.

A tea was given in her honor on March 12 in the spacious parlors of the Deaconess Home in New York City. As an expression of love and appreciation, co-workers from the staff and department presented her with a beautiful watch. Many of the guests remarked, "A lovely occasion for a lovely lady."

We regret losing Miss Ristine. She will be greatly missed. But time marches on and we must accept the inevitable. Our love and appreciation and good wishes go with her in whatever avenues of service may be hers in the years ahead.

Miss Miriam V. Ristine

Melvin Wolf Studios, Philadelphia

Miss Emma Burris

An Introduction

We are most happy to welcome Miss Emma Burris as the new Executive Secretary of the Bureau of Social Welfare Work to succeed Miss Miriam Ristine. And I am glad to have this opportunity to introduce Miss Burris. She comes to us from a rich background of experience which eminently qualifies her for this new relationship to the Woman's Division.

A Louisiana girl, a public school teacher, a graduate of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee, Miss Burris was commissioned as a deaconess in 1929. Eight years as kindergarten teacher at the Rosa Valdez Settlement, Tampa, Florida, were followed by a study furlough which permitted her to secure a Master's Degree in Sociology. She also served five years at the Lucy Holt Moore Center, Nashville, Tennessee, one year at Kingdom House, St. Louis, Missouri, and one year in part-time rural missionary work in the Baton Rouge District of the Louisiana Conference. Since 1946, Miss Burris has been director at Marcy Center, Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Burris was elected at the March Executive Committee meeting. She assumes her new duties in June.

Foreign News

Recent Arrival—

China: Miss Mary Shearer, Freeport, Pennsylvania.

Recent Sailings—

Malaya: Miss Marjorie Hendershot.

Brazil: Misses Ruth McKinney, Gladys Oberlin, Phyllis Gifford, Elizabeth Graves.

China

A letter has recently come from May Bel Thompson of Kiukiang. She says: "There are some pictures I would have you see: six gracious young nurses just graduated, gathered at our dinner table; a lovely sextette of girls singing to us at Vespers of Heaven; Anne Pittman walking home for the first time in eight months; Mabel Woodruff in her new green silk, given her by the dear women on her sixty-fourth birthday; Laura Schleman training her Christmas pageant, 'The Lost Star'; eighty young folks in Methodist Youth Fellowship; three small babies baptized from this house; fifty-eight ladies of our Woman's Society circles having their Christmas supper, worship service, and program in the church; a missionary wife with over two hundred children in her Sunday morning junior church and only a few less on Wednesdays."

Her letter also mentions sickness: "The heads of both our hospitals sick; dreadful hunger, suffering, suicides; a brave principal able to leave his bed and teach in the classroom, saying, 'The attack is over. Asthma, like a thorn in my side, always keeps me on the alert to see God. Suffering is a great leveler, and points us to the stars. God has not promised us a rosy way of life, but he did promise courage, faith, and love for the day as we go along.' "

Notations are made concerning the things of the spirit: "A gracious supervisor splendidly witnessing among her fine Christian principals and teachers; cook's boy and gardener's son reverently leading our family prayers; fragrant narcissus and paper whites growing by thousands in this yard; my English class at school happily filling their cups with Cousin Maude's fragrant paste which I had made as my term-end gift to them."

The letter concludes with this item: "A newly organized Religious Committee, appointed by the new regime, including a Catholic priest, an Episcopalian, a Seventh Day Adventist, two Buddhist monks, a China Inland missionary, six Methodist pastors, one of the latter being chairman."

Malaya

Recently the annual conferences were held in Malaya. Bishop and Mrs. Arthur J. Moore and Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin were there and took part. Mrs. M. T. Fang, wife of the pastor who was host at the Malaya Chinese Annual Conference, did a fine job in handling the women's work of the conference. She is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Chinese Conference. Mrs. Fang is coming to the United States with her husband.

Miss Helen Loomis, recently appointed to Malaya, arrived in Singapore in time to handle publicity for the various conferences; a good assignment, since she has had considerable experience in newspaper work.

Last year we reported the very successful meeting of the Woman's Conference in Borneo. The pastors and lay women of Sarawak were so enthusiastic over it that a similar conference will be held this coming July. It would be difficult to express in words what last year's conference meant to the women. As a result, a number of new societies were organized.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS

Africa and Europe: Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
China and Malaysia: Miss Louise Robinson
India, Pakistan, and Burma: Miss Lucile Colony
Japan, Korea, and the Philippines: Miss Margaret Billingsley
Latin America: Miss Elizabeth M. Lee
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Alexander J. Sifkoff

Korea

The English language is very popular in all countries of the world today. In her recent visit to the field, Miss Margaret Billingsley, Executive Secretary, was often greeted by representative students speaking in English.

The following speech indicates the desire of young people to express themselves in English: "Miss Billingsley, we Ewha women are the dreamers of this era, but we are conscious that our dreams must not remain dreams, but must be fulfilled and must contribute to human life. Also, we have big ambition, even that we might have women's rights, stand equally with men, co-operate mutually. Then a society will come which is according to God's will. For that purpose we women who live on the earth must be united and understand each other. To know others and to express ourselves, there needs to be a very important thing which is called language. Especially the English has become international.

"Therefore, we, the students of the English Literary Department, are studying eagerly. We want to be members of the whole world. We think this dream of ours, to become world citizens through our knowledge of the English language, is the most precious gift we can offer you as you visit our campus today."

We think the following will be of interest to the women of the church. It is quoted from a letter of Miss Margaret Martin, one of our missionaries in Seoul: "Last night Ewha High won the English oratorical contest sponsored by the United States Office of Information. Our contestant was a little girl from the country, a minister's daughter. As an introduction to her speech, she wrote: 'I hope you will listen to something from the bosom of a little girl's heart.' In working with her, I told her I thought 'the bosom of' was superfluous and suggested she omit it. When she got up to make her speech, either she forgot or she knew her way was best. She told the audience and the judges from the United States State Department and the Economic Cooperation Association that she wanted them to hear from the bosom of a little girl's heart. She told them that we must love everyone, especially the unlovely, that she thought there was no one who was mean to begin with, but that they became that way because of the way people treated them. 'I think that love is the most beautiful and the most noble thing in the world.' And she won first place."

Africa

Miss Ruth Thomas, who has charge of the Woman's School and Bible School in Portuguese East Africa, has written enthusiastically about the Annual Home Mission Rally held recently in that conference.

"I wish that you could have had the joy of sharing with us in our Annual Home Mission Rally last Sunday. It was the climax to six weeks of special revival services, in the midst of which we had the World Communion Sunday. Because of our many school schedules, when every classroom and the little chapel in the wing of the church are full three times a day with different groups of students, it is difficult to get everybody together at the same time, so our pastor divided our large congregation into groups, with leaders for each; each group arranged its own schedule and place of meeting. The schoolboys in the dormitories have family prayers every night, but during this time they combined the boys from different rooms and were led by special leaders. The men met in groups in their homes certain nights a week. The women met together in the church and later in the homes. The missionary ladies had charge of these groups. The children had meetings after school in the afternoons, and the larger girls met at dusk, so everyone had a place somewhere in the groups. The purpose of these special meetings was to educate their minds concerning the World Communion Sunday, and our home mission work among the peoples who live on the fringes and beyond our conference boundaries; to deepen the spiritual life of our people so that they would appreciate more fully their privileges; and to increase the missionary spirit and giving.

"Our World Communion Sunday was a blessed time as the people came prepared to fellowship with their Lord, and they approached the service with reverence. The church was well filled, and there were many that took the sacrament.

"'Then yesterday we reached our Big Day with great joy. Our pastor, Rev. Gidion Jamella, did not preach, because he felt that the meetings of the past six weeks had had a far-reaching influence. Instead of preaching, he picked out students who had come from the home mission fields to tell about the needs and the great darkness in their home areas. Among the speakers was one of our Bible school boys who will graduate soon. He told how sad his heart was when he thought of the many young people back home who were not having the privileges that he was having, and that he was preparing himself in the Portuguese studies, Bible studies, and nurse training to go back and help them.

"At the close of the service we all stood and sang 'God Bless Africa.' We left the church with a sense of great spiritual uplift."

Latin America

The enrollment at Colegio Americano, Rosario, Argentina, is 305, largest in the history of this seventy-five-year-old school. Bishop Barbieri pleads for the development of this institution, the only Protestant school for girls in interior Argentina. Plans for this are now being made under the guidance of Miss Helen Baker.

Crusade scholarships for 1950-51 have been granted to Miss Cristiana Segundo Foster, teacher at Crandon Institute, Uruguay, and writer of children's literature, and to Miss Clea Machado of the faculty of Bennett College, Brazil. Miss Julia Vissotto, studying at Scarritt, has been granted a scholarship for a second year. She will be a delegate to the great Sunday School Convention in Toronto.

The young men and women to be known as the "LA-3's," who will go to all parts of Latin America in the early fall for three years of special service, will assemble on the campus of Hartford Seminary Foundation on July 1 for a six-weeks' summer school. Under the guidance of experts, they will study Bible, philosophy of missions, history of Latin America, doctrines and practices of Roman Catholicism in Latin America, Spanish and Portuguese, phonetics, how to teach English to foreigners, lectures on Board procedures and related subjects. In these weeks of intimate living and study, these young people will form the Fellowship of Christian Service to Latin America.

Miss Mary Helen Clark has been appointed principal of Colegio Americano in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Miss Mabel Lorah, an experienced teacher from West Pittston, Pennsylvania, has gone to Lima, Peru, to give her services as a teacher of home economics during her sabbatical year.

Excerpt from letter of Miss Lucile Colony, Executive Secretary for India, who is now visiting the work in that country, under date of April 15, 1950:

"This week at the Isabella Thoburn College the Assembly devotional service on The Commandments of Love was used. It was perfectly lovely and brought us close to those who will be meeting next week at Cleveland."

Spiritual Life Cultivation

MRS. EDWIN B. WHITE, *Chairman*

We, who are engaged in the sacred task of helping to deepen the spiritual life of all members in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, feel keenly the responsibility involved. Spiritual Life Cultivation is not an isolated segment of the work; it is the motivating element in the whole scope of the program which gives the society meaning and purpose. We have definite methods and materials and programs to guide us, and we should use them wisely and extensively. We must use them to create a spirit of devotion that will bring to every area of the work new life, new meaning, and new zeal.

As reports come to the division chairman, we are heartened to note the tangible increases all along the line. The annual reports from jurisdiction secretaries indicate increases in the number of local Spiritual Life secretaries, in the number of prayer groups, in the number of members joining the Fellowship of Intercession, and in the number of active Committees on Spiritual Life. But by far the most important and far-reaching aspects of the work cannot be set down in black and white. The intangibles suggested by the words "prayer," "worship," and "spiritual aspirations" are the deep, pulsating forces which determine the spirit, the quality, and the permanence of our work. We must use every avenue available to clarify and deepen our understanding of God's will for our own lives as well as to minister to others through our office as secretaries of Spiritual Life.

Through the summer and fall months there will be many opportunities for self-improvement and helpful service. The summer schools will soon begin. The jurisdiction secretaries will be there to prepare themselves to assist in planning conference schools and institutes to which district secretaries will come for guidance in presenting the spiritual life study to local societies. The theme of the course for 1950-51 is "Corporate Worship," and the text, *We Seek Him Together**, by Mrs. Maude White Hardie. Every society should take this study.

The Spiritual Life work kit and packet are soon to be combined and will contain new materials. Local secretaries should order this sample packet* and a sufficient quantity of leaflet literature to be given to the individual members of the society. Other new materials will be forthcoming.

There must be kept in our thinking the immeasurable value of retreats, quiet days, and time-apart services. In times like these, when most people live under tension and in a rush of "many things," we need the spiritual renewal that comes through silence and meditation. Retreats on the jurisdiction and conference levels, and Quiet Days and Day Apart services for district and local groups provide new insight into life's meaning and strength for the tasks committed to the followers of Christ.

One of the duties of a secretary of Spiritual Life is to keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and interpret and relate them to the life of the individual. The executive secretary of our Board of Evangelism said recently, "There is a great evangelistic movement in The Methodist Church and in the other denominations of our nation. . . . From all over the United States the Macedonian call is coming . . . thousands of souls can be saved if we can answer them." Many of us sense this upsurge of interest in Kingdom matters. As individuals, as prayer groups, and as societies, we should become participants in this great movement and make it an object of daily prayer. The results of new approaches in the field of evangelism are most encouraging. The friendly visitation periods offer a fruitful field for our co-operation.

In October there are two special occasions which we must plan for with care. October first is World Communion Sunday. The Committee on Spiritual Life can co-operate with the pastor in publicizing and interpreting its significance. Our hearts are warmed and our hopes lifted by the thought of millions of Christians around the world sharing in the Communion fellowship.

The week of October 25-31 marks the Week of Prayer and Self-denial. The opportunity to make the observance rich and meaningful falls to the secretary of Spiritual Life, and prayerful advance planning is necessary if the objectives are to be realized. Even the smallest society can carry out the suggested program. It would be very fine if, this year, there could be one hundred per cent observance of this occasion.

There is no substitute for the "lively warmth of personal contacts," and secretaries of Spiritual Life can render a beautiful service through visiting shut-ins, the bereaved, and the troubled.

Let us take time to do some creative thinking about the work entrusted to us. We *can* bring to it an inspired zest.

When, in the memorable prayer of our Lord, he said, "I do not pray for these only, but also for those who are to believe in me through their word," [1] he was praying for you and for me—and not only for us but for those who would believe in him through *our* word. We are to be trustworthy witnesses of his grace and examples of his redeeming love.

[1] Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Used by permission.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Worship Program for Circles

Our Faith—for Building a World Christian Community Through Forgiveness

HYMN—"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 210).

SCRIPTURE—Mark 11:1-12.

MEDITATION—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."—*I John 1:9.*

Faith is made up of three things—knowledge, belief, and trust. Faith then begins with knowledge; faith is believing that Christ is what he is said to be, and that he will do what he has promised to do. I leave myself in the hands of Him who is appointed to save, that He may save me.

"He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." It is true to the nature of things, that a father should forgive and restore his erring child, if that child penitently confesses his sin. God puts himself into a fatherly relationship; and that relationship we may be quite sure he will keep. He must, for he cannot be other than just to himself, and faithful to us.

To be cleansed from unrighteousness, we must confess our sins. We are to tell them out to God; it is true God knows them already far better than we do ourselves. To him all hearts are opened, and from him no secrets are hid. We cannot confess our sins to God without self-examination, and godly sorrow, and humbling of the heart, and penitent prayer, and amendment of life. The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin. Then we have fellowship one with another.

Observe the two-fold blessings promised—the forgiveness of sin and the cleansing from unrighteousness. These are simply the two wants of man with regard to sin: pardon for the past, and cleansing for the future.

After our forgiveness and cleansing, we must bring to Jesus those who would be healed of their sins. To build a world Christian community through faith, our relationship and attitude to our communities should be that of the four men who carried their palsied friend to Jesus. They sacrificed both time and energy; they carried him co-operatively, prayerfully, faithfully, and patiently.

PRAYER—Dear Lord, thou hast taught us to ask for forgiveness from thee, give us grace to forgive those who have injured us. If bitter thoughts are in our minds and cruel words come to our lips, help us to stifle them. Cleanse us from all sin, pride, and selfishness; and give us the spirit of meekness, humility, firmness, and love. Make us able always to forgive, wholly and heartily. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

ARTICLE—"Beasts of Burden or Children of God," THE METHODIST WOMAN, January, 1950, p. 3.

HYMN (*read in unison*)—"No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 333).

NOTE: Prepared by Mrs. Pearl R. Spence of Wilmington, Delaware, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, Delaware Conference, Central Jurisdiction.

World Federation of Methodist Women

MRS. PAUL ARRINGTON, *Chairman*

Prayer for World Peace by the Unit in Czechoslovakia

DEAR God and Heavenly Father! It is only with Thee, in Thy kingdom of love, truth, and righteousness that we can find eternal peace, while here on earth restlessness and contentions reign supreme. From the bottom of our hearts and with all our souls we thank Thee that in spite of all, Thou dost accept us graciously and dost grant us, through our Lord Jesus Christ, the proper reconciliation and brotherhood of all people of good will. Please grant us a goodly measure of Christ's spirit, so that we all can become saintly bearers of Thy peace and can spread it throughout all the corners of the world. Forgive us all our sins and may all Thy children stand on guard for the world's peace by continually spreading the good news of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Help us to keep the world in peace! Bless us and forsake us not when we weaken! Endow us with success to begin anew; teach us to love one another without hypocrisy, and to serve anew faithfully and lovingly in this restless and selfish world. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Lord and King of our hearts, we ask all of this. Amen.

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"Our Woman's Society is also in the great Advance movement, and our goals are ever before us. One society has increased its membership from fourteen to fifty-five already.

"It is heartening to know we have real sisters all over the world. If we all would follow the instructions given in God's Holy Word, we would know world-wide peace."

MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER *Executive Secretary, Woman's Section, Division of Education and Cultivation*

To My String of Pearls

MISS MARY CULLER WHITE, retired missionary from China, was a guest speaker at many of the district meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Virginia Conference last year. She heard many references to the "district members," those individual members of the Woman's Society in very small churches not large enough to have an organization. Miss White remarked, "I'm so glad to hear about that plan. We have done that in China for years and we call such members our 'String of Pearls.'"

The president of Charlottesville District Woman's Society, borrowing this term from Miss White, wrote each of the district members as follows:

"To my String of Pearls:

"I think of you often during these busy days, and I want you to know that you are much in my thoughts and on my prayer list.

"Here are just a few things that I am suggesting to you who cannot meet regularly with an organized Woman's Society:

"1. Will you join with me in a period of reading, meditation, and prayer each first Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 to 3:30? I am enclosing pieces of literature for our hour together in December. Thereafter, I shall send other literature and suggestions for our worship. I feel that these hours together will be a very real benefit to each of us.

"2. Send me your quarterly offering (if you care to make one) by January 20. If you would like to have a part in the 'Week of Prayer,' enclose that in the envelope so marked.

"3. Try to attend a meeting of the Woman's Society in a near-by church whenever you can. You are urged to attend as many local, zone, or district meetings as it is possible for you to get to.

"4. Write me as often as you have a question or a suggestion to make. I shall be happy to hear from you.

"5. Remember that you are just as much a part of the Woman's Society as the woman who can attend a meeting each month in her local church, for our pledge to give our time, our talent, our possessions, and to pray regularly for the work applies to each of us.

"I trust that each of us will receive a real blessing from our association together and that the work of our organization will be advanced by our efforts and prayers.

"With love to each of you and the hope that I shall see you soon, I am,

"Sincerely,

"MRS. R. MAXWELL WILLIS"

The Congregation Shares in the Service

On a recent Sunday evening the service of the Methodist church in Gallatin, Missouri, was given over to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. A feature of the program was the following responsive reading which combined the purpose of the Woman's Society with the goals for the *Advance program.*

LEADER: How are the women organized in The Methodist Church?

CONGREGATION: *The* Discipline *of The Methodist Church says: "In every local church there shall be a Woman's Society of Christian Service."*

LEADER: What is the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service?

CONGREGATION: *The purpose is to unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the Spiritual Life; to study the needs of the world; to improve civic, community, and world conditions.*

LEADER: How may a woman become a member of the Woman's Society?

CONGREGATION: *A woman may become a member of this society by giving prayer, service, and an annual contribution of money to the total budget through membership offerings. She shall contribute to, educate for, and promote the total program of the women of Methodism.*

LEADER: What part do Methodist women have in the great *Advance Program* of the church?

CONGREGATION: *Methodist women have a responsibility only as individual members of the church.*

LEADER: What are the goals of the Woman's Society for the quadrennium?

CONGREGATION: *First, to make every Methodist woman a member of the Woman's Society: second, to have every Methodist woman studying, giving, building, and praying for a world Christian community: third, to have one thousand new missionaries, deaconesses, and other full-time Christian workers to help meet the needs of the world: and fourth, to increase the giving to the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.*

LEADER: What is our permanent goal?

CONGREGATION: *To have a society in every church, to have every woman in every church a member of the society, to work for our supreme motive "That His way may be known upon earth."*

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WORLD FRIENDSHIP BULLETIN

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Secretary of Children's Work

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SUMMER IS A JOYOUS TIME IN THE WORK OF THE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN

FOR CHILDREN'S WORK

CHRISTIAN WORKERS SERVE CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTRY AND OVERSEAS

MEETING LEADERS IN JAPAN

To Methodist children who have been studying during the current year about the work of the church in Japan, a talk with Miss Margaret Billingsley would be a thrilling event. Executive Secretary for Japan, Korea, and the Philippines, Miss Billingsley has just returned from a trip to these countries, and she is bubbling over with the experiences that her months abroad have brought. Among them are her hours with kindergarten children, their parents, and teachers in many parts of Japan as well as her contacts with groups of older boys and girls.

A Visit to Seiwa Kindergarten

"When I went with Miss Anne Peavy to see the Seiwa Kindergarten," said Miss Billingsley, "we found the children playing with an American doll which some kind person had sent. Thinking that I was the donor, the boys and girls began to thank me for the gift which it was evident they loved. Miss Peavy told them that the visitor had not sent the doll, but that she had helped them to have the milk which they enjoyed each day.

"After saying 'Thank you' for the milk, the children began to talk about the airplane in which they were told I had traveled from the Philippine Islands to Japan. What a happy time we did have, discussing the planes, the boats, the trains, and the jeeps that take friends from one country to visit those in another!

"The Seiwa Kindergarten," continued Miss Billingsley, "is a part of the Training School for Christian Workers in Nishinomiya, not far from Kobe. It is used as a demonstration center by the Japanese students who are preparing to go out and work as kindergarten teachers all over Japan. Speaking to the students in chapel, and talking with them afterwards, I was impressed by the fine type of young women that they seemed to be, and by the spirit of service that they revealed."

Boys' and Girls' Town in Hirosaki

The last among many stories told by this Executive Secretary concerned a visit with Miss Gertrude Byler to an orphanage known as Boys' and Girls' Town in the city of Hirosaki, in the northern part of Japan. "The location of the Boys and Girls' Town is a lovely one," said Miss Billingsley, "but the place and the children have many needs. The 'Christian' bell which the boys and girls have wanted for so long has arrived and has been installed in its own tower. Now morning and evening its peal rings out and it seems to send a message of peace and good will to those who hear its voice."

BRINGING HAPPINESS TO MIGRANT CHILDREN

With the coming of the summer months and the necessity to harvest the nation's supply of food, thousands of migrant families are again on the move. Boys and girls in Methodist church schools who have been learning about the needs of migrant people will be glad to know of some of the ways in which Christian leaders will try to bring joy to children and their parents as they follow the crops.

Activities in Camp

In one of the camps in Colorado to which migrants like to go because of its superior housing and other good facilities, ten-year-old Tony said to a worker: "We were in another town last week. I was just begging my father to come here where we lived last summer. We came. I am happy."

Mrs. Katherine Alt Smith and her co-workers live on the site, and carry on a program with fifty to two hundred children whose ages range from two to fourteen years. Almost every morning before the leaders are up, the children are scratching on the screens, saying, "When will you come?"

The mornings are devoted to nursery school (the "L'il School," the five-year-olds call it), and to informal teaching for children of elementary school age. Game and story hours, quiet times, simple crafts and group activities of many kinds fill the busy days. On Sundays there is Sunday school and evening worship.

In describing her work, Mrs. Smith tells how the children in the camp appreciate the ordinary things:

"Someone sent a box of soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, and tooth paste. Each child got but one article. The girls inhaled the fragrance of the soap; the boys tried their toothbrushes immediately; others patted their faces tenderly with washcloths. In turn they, *too*, like to share with people when they can."

Interpreting God's Love and Care

While the churches, through the Home Missions Council, send workers to small, scattered camp sites and large ones alike, it is the Christian people in each local community who can multiply their efforts, and make real to migrant people the message of God's love and care. Migrants need friendship and a sense of belonging; they need community services that other citizens enjoy. Members of local churches working together can help to meet these needs.

As for the children—a vacation church school, hot lunches when parents are away at work, a story hour, new books to read, a welcome at school and at church—these are some of the ways to bring happiness to migrant boys and girls.

MAKING PLANS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

NEW LEADERS

With the election of officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the present year, the month of June will find many new secretaries of children's work entering upon the duties of their office for the first time. It is a challenging month in which to begin work with children in the church through this particular channel of service. The wide opportunities before you are summarized in these words from the *Children's Division Yearbook, 1949-50,** "As a worker with children in the church school, the secretary of Children's Work for the Woman's Society of Christian Service is an active member of the teaching staff. The secretary is a member of the council of children's workers. Thus she has an opportunity to help make and carry out all the church's plans for children. She will share with all teachers as they lead boys and girls in experiences of friendship with children of every nation, race, and class, and as they help them learn about and share in the missionary work of the church.

"The secretary of Childrens' Work also helps the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to know about the work with the children of the church and share in activities and fellowship."

If you have not already done so, won't you take your place among the teachers in the children's division of the church school and enter with them upon the plans that have been made for the work with boys and girls during the summer months?

* Published by The Methodist Publishing House. Price, 15 cents.

Summer Program for Children

In the year-round plans of the local church, the leisurely summer months offer unusual opportunities for work with children. Boys and girls have more freedom now for relaxation and play, the pursuing of fresh interests and the making of new friends. It is a time when church-school teachers, including the secretary of Children's Work, will wish to take a fresh look at the needs and interests of their pupils, and consider how the program of the church may be used to help them in a richer and more meaningful way to live and grow as Christians.

There are opportunities for happy experiences in the Sunday sessions of the church school, and in through-the-week sessions, in the vacation school, in day camps initiated by the church or community, and in many other kinds of out-of-doors activities during the week. Church-school leaders eager to help, desiring to grow as Christians and in their understanding of how to work with children, will, by *planning together,* find a large place of ministry in their church during the summer months.

Vacation Activities

According to the plans that may be made, some children during vacation time will learn more about God's friendly world, they will wonder about many of the beautiful things that God has made, and they will thank him for them. Some children will come to know a few of the stories that Jesus told, they will become acquainted with the friends he made, and they will discover something of what it means to follow him today. Some children may learn more about their church, and the work it is trying to do. There may be visits to another church or synagogue, or to a social center where the church is serving many people in the community. Other boys and girls may learn about new friends in other parts of the world, and may become familiar with some of the work that the church is carrying on among them.

The possibilities of new adventures during the vacation weeks are many and varied, and when careful preparation has been made by both teachers and parents, hours of fellowship lie ahead that children and leaders will long remember.

Christmas in the Summertime

Because of the needs for food, clothing, and other supplies that still face so many children in countries abroad, leaders working in the summer program of the local church may be interested in this suggestion that comes from the *Newsletter for Boys and Girls:*[1]

"Only grownups get enough of Christmas. Children never do. To most boys and girls Christmas is the most wonderful time of the whole year. Not just because of receiving gifts—but of giving gifts.

"Children in America can help to make Christmas the whole year round for hundreds of boys and girls in Europe, in Japan, and in other countries in the Far East. They will be as happy and joyous in June or July or any other month as children here are on December 25 if they have the right kind of food to eat, clothes to wear, books to read, games to play, toys and dolls and swings, slides and volleyballs on their playgrounds."

To make possible gifts such as these, leaders may consult the suggestions given on the next page of this Bulletin. A Christmas party in summer to prepare some of the gifts for mailing might be fun.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECRETARIES

1. Attend a conference school for children's workers.

2. Follow a Home Study Course. Write for leaflet 702-B. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

3. Join the Fellowship of Study for Church School Workers.

4. Read regularly the magazine, *Child Guidance in Christian Living.** Note the section, "Toward Wider Horizons," by E. Mae Young.

* Order from The Methodist Publishing House. Price, $1.75 per year.
[1] Adapted. The Newsletter is published by the American Friends Service Committee.

SHARING WITH FRIENDS DURING VACATION MONTHS

As children participate in the summer activities planned by the church, they will discover many opportunities of showing their interest and concern and love for others. They will also want to take part in some specific way in helping to carry on the work of the church at home and overseas.

For Children in Asia and Europe

Send money for food, milk, clothing, and medicines for children in Asia and Europe directly to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

Supplies for Boys and Girls in Japan

Miss Margaret Billingsley who has just returned from Japan says that supplies are needed for kindergarten children, and those of elementary school age. Mark each package, "FOR RELIGIOUS WORK." The value of these gifts may be reported to the secretary of Supply Work of the local Woman's Society.

Send Supply Work gifts for use with kindergarten children directly to: Miss Anne Peavy, Seiwa Joshi Gakuin, Okadayama Nishinomiya, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan; Miss Manie C. Towson, Naka Cho, Kitsuki Machi, Oita Ken, Kyushu, Japan; Miss Ethel Hempstead, 143 Kajiya Cho, Kagoshima, Japan; Miss Dora Wagner, Iai Koto Jo Gakko, Hakodate, Japan; Miss Carolyn Teague, Methodist Mission, Fukuoka, Japan.

Send Supply Work gifts for older children directly to: Miss Gertrude Byler, 9 Nakakawarage Cho, Hirosaki, Aomori Ken, Japan; Mrs. Grace Wilson, Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima, Japan; Miss Mildred Anne Paine, 1035 Ichome, Motoki, Adachi Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

These supplies are suggested: Outfits of clothing for boys and girls similar to outfits here. Include sweaters, underwear, socks, broad shoes, handkerchiefs, and ribbons. Send also powdered milk and hard candy; school supplies.

Send gifts of $5.00 or more to purchase supplies for work with children in kindergartens, schools, or church schools in Japan to any of the missionaries just listed. These supplies may include equipment for playgrounds, toys for kindergartens, and books for children's reading. The gift may be sent as *cash for Supply Work* by the treasurer of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service through the regular channels of finance.

Gifts for Migrant Children

Recreation Supplies: sturdy toys, beanbags, volleyballs, softballs, bats and gloves, jumping ropes, rag dolls, and checkers.

Clean-up Kits: comb, toothbrush, tooth paste, soap, mirror, washcloth, and towel.

For Library Corner: picture books, reading books for children, large Bible pictures, and others suitable for story hours.

Important Note: When the package is ready for shipment, please write to the office nearest you as listed below, and the name and address to which your box should be sent will be forwarded to you promptly; Home Missions Council of North America; (National Headquarters) 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York; (Midwest) 139 N. Clark Street, Chicago 2, Illinois; (Western) 3330 W. Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

UNITS OF STUDY FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

In churches where no additional sessions for missionary education have been held in 1950, leaders may select one of the following missionary units.

For Primaries:

*Toshio and Tama: Children of the New Japan,** by Anne M. Halladay. The story of a family in a village of present-day Japan. Portrays Japanese life at home, church, and school. Price, $1.00.

*A Primary Teacher's Guide on Japan,** by Lois Eddy McDonnell. Here are suggestions for a ten-session unit based on *Toshio and Tama.* Essential for leaders. Price, 35 cents.

*Sandy and Mr. Jalopy,** by Edith Agnew. The story of a migrant family on the Eastern seaboard. Shows how hope came to this family as a result of Christian influence. Price, $1.00.

*A Primary Teacher's Guide on Migrants,** by Mabel Neidermeyer McCaw. Suggestions for a ten-session unit based on *Sandy and Mr. Jalopy.* Essential for leaders. Price, 35 cents.

For Juniors:

*Where the Carp Banners Fly,** by Grace W. McGavran. The story of two Japanese boys and their acquaintance with a Japanese Christian pastor and his family. Portrays family life in Japan today. Price, $1.00.

*A Junior Teacher's Guide on Japan,** by Dorothy LaCroix Hill. Suggestions for a ten-session unit based on *Where the Carp Banners Fly.* Essential for leaders. Price, 35 cents.

*Blueberry Acres and Other Stories,** by Alice Geer Kelsey. Stories of migrant laborers showing how life is influenced by Christian agencies that work among them. Price, $1.00.

*A Junior Teacher's Guide on Migrants,** by Virginia Bruett Wyatt. Suggestions for a ten-session unit based on *Blueberry Acres.* Essential for leaders. Price, 35 cents.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or Distributing Offices.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

THELMA STEVENS, *Executive Secretary*

Information and Action

To Local Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—

Dear Friends:

June is the month when many women of the Woman's Societies and Guilds will begin participation in special summer schools and institutes for leadership training. As local secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, you will be following up your "stock-taking" process for 1950. Some of you may be newly elected. You will have many questions as you assume these new and grave responsibilities related to "The Biggest Deal on Earth"—an all-out effort by followers of Christ to bring *peace with justice and freedom* to the peoples of all the earth.

A program of action has been formulated and recommended by the Woman's Division to local Woman's Societies and Guilds with the hope that these societies and Guilds will adapt the various phases of the program to their own needs. Everyone will not agree with all points of the program. Fortunately *agreement* as to *method* is not always essential for Christians to work toward the goals which have been recommended. It helps to remember a few important facts as you get your committee together and continue your plans looking toward the new program and study year which begins in September:

1. The program of this department was *not* formulated by the staff whose names appear on this page. Your elected members of the Woman's Division adopted the program that was created by women representing all jurisdictions. Your *Activities for 1950* (a free leaflet available at Literature Headquarters) outlines this program.

2. Every local society or Guild has the right and responsibility to select those phases of the program best suited to its needs. Every society or Guild can act in the light of its own judgment on any issue appearing in the various activities and studies recommended in this program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. Action of the Woman's Division binds no society or Guild, and no member of these organizations to support a legislative program or any other program of action believed by the individual or group to be contrary to Christian principles and democratic procedures.

3. The Woman's Society is authorized by the General Conference, and the various aspects of its purpose are outlined and defined in the *Discipline of The Methodist Church.*

Members of the Woman's Society and Guild are obligated to acquaint themselves with the total program and to strengthen and undergird the great purposes for which the organization exists.

World peace, freedom, and *justice* are not achieved by apathetic, indifferent Christians who are afraid of change. These three basic hopes in the hearts of people everywhere—*world peace, freedom,* and *justice*—will be realized when individuals, churches, and communities *practice* these ideals among their neighbors near and far.

The following specifics may suggest some things to do:

a—*The new book containing States' Laws on Race and Color* will soon be off the press. This is the only source available where you can find this valuable material compactly listed under one cover. Why not place your order at once with Literature Headquarters for a copy. Price $4.00. This book should be in every college library, every church institution and Woman's Society and in every public library in this nation. The emancipation of some 25 million people in the United States as well as peoples in other lands *depends upon our knowledge of the laws that bring freedom or keep human beings in bondage* in this so-called democracy. You may want to place a copy or copies in your local public library or in a college library in your state.

b—Have you read the story on page 27 about how a group of women in Indiana went to work on an issue that affected the mental health of the citizens of Indiana?

c—Material for study coming out of the Assembly will be advertised on the back page of *The Methodist Woman* when ready. It may provide wonderful material for your next district meeting, and for use in your summer schools and institutes, as well as for your local program committee to use as resource material for planning extra sessions, circle meetings, and special studies.

d—Have you enlisted a group of your local women in the U. N. clipping program?

Sincerely yours,
Thelma Stevens
Eleanor Neff
Dorothy Weber

Secretaries of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

Technical Assistance Is for Merika

By MRS. CLIFFORD A. BENDER

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NOT that Merika would know what technical assistance means—at ten years she cannot read or write, which is not surprising since no one in her village can. We will have to know how Merika (and millions like her in underdeveloped countries) now lives and what technical assistance will do for her. If we are to help Merika we shall have to understand just how the process works and we shall have to undertake the long grind of keeping American public opinion interested and patient for the five or more years that it will take before the technical assistance program can reach most of the Merikas with substantial help.

HERE THEN IS MERIKA. Like almost everyone else in her village she has malaria. In contrast with our ten-year-olds she is small, underdeveloped, her body is already a little distorted by the effects of malaria, and her skin is disfigured with the eruptions of yaws, another common disease in her village. There is in her eyes the appeal of helpless children the world over. Merika touches your heartstrings even though you can hardly say she is an attractive child.

The annual income of Merika's family is only a few dollars a year. They exist on the succession of crops that appear on the discouraged, worked-out- erosion-ravaged bit of land that belongs to them. If it is a year when the mango or any of the other crops in the cycle fail, there is a hungry month or so to get through. Merika does not have much home life; her mother is the only beast of burden that her father can afford, and the way over the mountains to the market is long. Merika has had fourteen brothers and sisters; only two of them have lived to be companions for Merika and the village thinks that the older brother who coughs so much will not last much longer.

WHAT CAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DO FOR HER? It can make the difference between life and death. It may make her into a child as full of health and life and hope as those ten-year-olds who are making our backyards noisy and joyous—but it will not happen at once—it will take time.

First of all, a medical survey. No one knows how many people are born or how many die in Merika's country; no one knows what diseases are the causes of death; no one has ever thought about sanitary standards. First will come a progam of malaria control because that is comparatively easy to do, then demonstration and school centers to train nurses and sanitary inspectors, then widespread work to eradicate tuberculosis and yaws and the other diseases that menace Merika. We have all the skills; all that we need to do is to take them to Merika and her people and teach them how to use them.

Next an improvement of the agriculture of her country—better crops, better soil use, better fertilizers, better insecticides. All these will help. A draft animal owned in common by six of the farms will release Merika's mother and her neighbors from one taxing task and enable them to devote more time to their children.

These are the first things that Merika will see but as the technical assistance program develops, and her country finds its place among industrialized nations, opportunities will begin to open up. Perhaps by the time Merika is grown a choice of jobs, education, a chance to choose the life she wants will open up for her—if you and I can keep the world interested in a technical assistance program for that long!

WHY MUST WE BE THE ONES TO KEEP THAT INTEREST? As Christians we have the concern for all of God's children; as Christians we have the patience which we have learned through long years of cultivating missionary programs without expecting them to produce sudden results out of keeping wtih the realities of the situation. These will help us form the solid core of dependable public opinion that will get this program started and keep it functioning. If

WE BELIEVE IN THE U.N.

And this is only one of the things which have happened lately to strengthen our belief that "We, the Peoples of the United Nations" can have a better world through the U.N.

Ethiopia's First Public Health Program—To Christians who sat helplessly by during Mussolini's attack on Ethiopia and watched bombs dropped from the air bring the first contact with modern civilization to many parts of Ethiopia, there is a satisfying symbolism in the World Health Organization's comprehensive health services program for Ethiopia. Step by step, WHO will help Ethiopia train its own nurses' aides, nurses, and sanitary inspectors to bring simple health services to the entire population—and step by step the program will develop until Ethiopia is able to assume responsibility for good medical services to deal with its appalling toll of disease.

Merika had been fortunate enough to have been born near one of our pieces of work, she would have already been helped in many of the ways enumerated above. If she were living in India in the Punjab some of us would be contributing to a church-sponsored technical assistance program for her. Here we can help her by seeing that the help comes, and that it comes with the same selfless devotion that has characterized the missionary technical assistance.

Three ministers were among the fifty members enrolled in the U. N. Seminar conducted by Mrs. Clifford A. Bender and Miss Eleanor Neff, April 24-25.

All Action Is Local

Indiana Conference

A "WORKSHOP" idea first came to the district secretary when she read about the suggested workshop on "Human Rights and World Order" in the June, 1948, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. She worked and planned until one became a reality on November 15, 1949. It was decided to make the Workshop an all-Indianapolis affair, including not only secretaries from Indianapolis District, but from churches in the Lexington Conference and the Greencastle District of the Northwest Indiana Conference, which takes in the northwest part of Indianapolis. The Status of Women Secretary of the Lexington Conference gave valuable help in the planning.

The people were divided into four groups; each group spent the morning visiting some institution which presented a problem in Christain Social Relations of interest in the Indianapolis area. The following institutions were selected: Marion County Home, Central State Hospital (Mental), Divorce Court, and Fletcher Place Church and Community Center. The groups met at and left from the Fletcher Place Church, returning there for luncheon. Each group ate lunch together and prepared its report for presentation to the entire group at the afternoon session. The reports included: discussion of what was seen; what can my church do to remedy these conditions, and what can my church do to prevent such conditions.

A leader was appointed in advance for each group and a week before the date of the workshop she was sent a typed instruction sheet along with some pertinent materials, such as an Indiana Department of Public Welfare magazine on County Homes to the leader of that group, and a pamphlet, "What to Look for in a Mental Hospital," to the leader of that particular group. Arrangements were also made for visitation to the institutions.

The report from the group visiting the Marion County Home was an encouraging report. It called on the churches to send more visitors to the home; to publicize the need for such things as good reading materials, pictures, curtains, towels, and to support the home by their prayers.

The report from the group visiting the divorce courts was an interesting and challenging one. They heard numbers of cases, contested and noncontested, divorces caused by lack of money, interference of in-laws, excessive drinking, etc. The judges challenged the church to a better program of human relations for church, school, and home; for more and better family counselors, and for the establishment of marital clinics.

The report from the Central State Hospital was a vivid contrast to the story of Marion County Home. The State Hospital had 2,300 patients, two registered nurses, and 145 helpers, who draw low salaries. They need everything! The help is inefficient and the salaries low. The group came unexpectedly upon an attendant hitting and knocking down a frail little lady. They saw patients without clothing chained to the wall, and other patients chained to toilet seats to save attendants the trouble of properly caring for them. A nurse took them through the hospital where the surroundings are very bad and beauty is needed. There are two nurses for every hundred patients. The woman's building is badly in need of repair. The attendant says that people come out, see it all, feel badly about it and then *forget*, so, consequently not much help is forthcoming. The immediate need is for the citizens of Indiana to see that mental hospitals have enough money appropriated by the Legislature to run them efficiently. Also at the present time Indiana has no place to send emotionally and mentally disturbed children who need institutional care.

The report from the Fletcher Community Church was one full of praise for its splendid program that attempts to meet the community needs in a way that will prevent divorces and the breakdown of the home and family life. They conduct a full community center program, including clinics, day nursery, and youth activities. There is no other center, public or private, nearer than fifteen blocks. It provides a positive approach to common problems. The workshop was attended by fifty people representing twenty-one churches and three districts!

A workshop such as this gives the women a new insight into the many existing opportunities for bringing the abundant life to all people, beginning in our own communities and states and for becoming increasingly *conscious* of the needs of people around the world—and our responsibilities for helping to meet those needs.

New Materials:

Activities for 1950—free for postage. Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

"Little Songs About U.N.": Record—$1.00. Words and Musical Score—45 cents. Order from Anti-Defamation League, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Capitol Notes

RATHER than waiting till the end of the Congressional session to review developments on legislation of interest to Methodist women, you will probably want to know the status of some of these bills now. This will give you the chance to write your Congressmen about those issues that are still pending. The adjournment date set by law is July 31, but this year the legislators are planning to adjourn a month earlier in order to start their election campaigns.

Displaced Persons—And Our Part

A real victory was won in April when final approval was given by Congress to a bill which would liberalize the D.P. Act of 1948. This bill "(1) increases by 139,000 the number of D.P.'s who may enter this country; (2) eliminates the requirements that 40 per cent of the D.P.'s be Balts and that 30 per cent have agricultural experience; (3) shifts from December 22, 1945, to January 1, 1949, the date by which D.P.'s must have arrived in the Western occupied zones; (4) admits 54,744 expellees, that is, persons of German descent who were driven into Germany from Eastern and Central Europe at the end of the war."

Five years after the end of the war in Europe, there are still some 390,000 D.P.'s in camps of the International Refugee Organization. So far, about 800,000 have been resettled, about 176,000 of whom have come to the United States. The restrictive provisions of our first D.P. Act had prevented larger numbers from coming.

By admitting these victims of religious and political persecution to the United States, these persons can find fresh hope and opportunity, and the United States is enriched by these newcomers and their skills.

On April 10, about 1,100 persons had been brought to the United States by Methodist individuals and congregations, either through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Church World Service, or directly. And as of April 10, M.C.O.R. had given assurances for 2,415 additional persons.

Under the new law, new opportunities present themselves. Whether The Methodist Church assumes its share of responsibility depends on *us*. Dr. Gaither Warfield has said that with increased funds, M.C.O.R. could bring far more D.P.'s. And he pointed out that the mental, physical, moral, and political screening of D.P.'s is "far better than immigrants coming into this country have ever had."

We can help in two ways—through *contributions* to the M.C.O.R. And we can help by *sponsoring* a D.P. or a D.P. family. This involves assuring the D.P.'s a job and living accommodations. You may write the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.) for a resettlement blank.

Point Four

The House and the Senate Foreign Relations Committees have approved a program of technical assistance to underdeveloped areas of Latin America, Africa, the Near East, and the Far East. Specific projects under the bill may include educational, medical, engineering, agricultural, economic and fiscal surveys, and demonstration and training projects. This would be done partly through contributions in money or services of government or private personnel to the technical co-operation program of the U.N., and partly by direct agreements between the United States and the underdeveloped country.

Many feel that it is important that as much help as possible go through the U.N. The technical assistance program of the U.N., unanimously approved by the General Assembly, would suffer a major setback if a sizable contribution from the United States were not forthcoming.

The original bill called for forty-five million dollars, ten or twelve million of which is for the continuation of existing programs, such as those in Latin America. Though there is widespread feeling that even the forty-five-million-dollar sum is inadequate, the House cut it to twenty-five million. If the Senate retains the original amount, there will be some hope that the joint House-Senate Committee, which adjusts differences between the two versions, will retain the forty-five million dollars.

Then the House and Senate Appropriations Committees must actually vote for the appropriation. Here again there is danger of the sum being cut. Watch press and radio reports concerning developments on this measure, and, if necessary, be ready to write the chairmen of these committees, Representative Clarence Cannon, and Senator Kenneth McKellar; your representative and senators.

Christian missionaries have pioneered in bringing such assistance to the peoples of the world. An extension of this program is desperately needed. The Woman's Division supports an adequate Point Four program, to be channelled wherever possible *through the U.N.*, with *safeguards against exploitation of the people* receiving help, and under *carefully selected personnel.*

See the article "Technical Assistance is for Merika" on the preceding pages. Also you will want to read "Christians and the Point Four Program," Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.—15 cents, and to use the People's Section Discussion Guide, "How Should the U.S. Implement Point Four?"—American Association for the U.N., 45 E. 65th Street, New York, N. Y.

Advance Program

"FOR SO THE WHOLE ROUND EARTH IS EVERY WAY BOUND BY GOLD CHAINS ABOUT THE FEET OF GOD."

ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

IT IS A CHAIN VISITATION that is planned for this year's promotional effort. Vivid imagery that stirs our imagination has already been presented. We are to LENGTHEN AND STRENGTHEN—and we picture the tents of old through whose symbolism the Prophet spoke when he held this challenge before his people. We are commemorating the tenth anniversary of our Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the gay note of birthday celebrations with cakes and candles is in the air.

There is no confusion or duplication in a third symbol—the links of the great "gold chain" forged by the visitation of one society to another during the months ahead, until the separate units become more truly a living whole in fellowship and sharing.

Detailed plans and suggestions have been sent through district Promotion secretaries to every local society, for this interlinking of organized and unorganized churches and the mutual strengthening of all. Groups large and small will find scope for their own creative effort in the plan, which recognizes the value of person-to-person contact as one of the first essentials.

"Jesus, united by Thy grace,
And each to each endeared,
With confidence we seek Thy face,
And know our prayer is heard.

"Help us to help each other, Lord,
Each other's cross to bear;
Let each his friendly aid afford,
And feel his brother's care.

"Touched by the loadstone of Thy love,
Let all our hearts agree;
And ever toward each other move,
And ever move toward Thee."

Charles Wesley.
Hymn No. 419, *The Methodist Hymnal*

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IT NEEDS SOMEONE TO MAKE THE START

From a small rural church with a new society, comes this message to a zone leader who has given herself wholeheartedly to the task in hand. She is a schoolteacher, so has only her weekends free to contact the women of her zone. In three months' time she has nevertheless organized three societies, reactivated one, organized a circle in an unorganized church, and a circle of twenty-five young women in her own church.

"Dear Mrs. R——:

". . . I don't know how long it will last, but we've had only two meetings and we have seventeen on roll. Everyone seems to be enjoying it very much and taking a great interest in everything that is suggested. Our main subject is finishing our church. The brickwork is about finished and next Saturday some of the men are going to tear down the old church and others are going to work on the new. We expect about twenty or twenty-five men will work, and the women are going to serve their dinner. I'm telling you all this because, though I've seen you only one time, I feel you are one of us and interested in what we do. It goes a long way with all of us to think someone cares.

"I feel we owe the credit to you alone, for coming over that Sunday. Without someone to make the start, we'd stay in the same rut we were in."

Advance Program

"YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

A Worship Service by Blenda Kuhlman, Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Salina District, Central Kansas Conference

NOTE: *This service is especially suitable for use following a dinner while guests are still seated at the table. Tiny white birthday candles set in white marshmallows should be at each place, unlighted. The* LEADER *should stand opposite the person at the table who will light the last candle, preferably a candle of unusual height and diameter. At the given moment the* LEADER *begins the lighting of the candles which will continue in an unbroken line in both directions around the tables to the person with the large candle.*

LEADER: "Ye are the light of the world."

(*All lights, by prearrangement, are turned out simultaneously so that sudden total darkness may be achieved. The* LEADER *pauses till each one has had time to sense how dark the room is.*)

But now you find yourselves suddenly plunged into total darkness. Almost immediately you experience a feeling of unrest. Like the tiny sprout that comes to life under rock or bush and is not content until it reaches out to the light, so are we creatures who normally love and seek the light. Mankind through the centuries has sought to overcome that unrest he feels in the dark, by constantly improving his methods of driving back the darkness and bringing more light into his life.

Not only is there unrest among you now, but you also are conscious of a degree of uncertainty. If someone were to say, "Everyone must leave this room immediately," many of you would not know which way to turn. You would not know which door to seek or where the nearest outside exit is. Such an uncertainty will in extreme cases lead to an uncontrollable fear and distrust of even your nearest companions. And so we are reminded that unrest, uncertainty, and fear lead to sin. Men and women who do not live in the light of understanding and confidence resort to sinful deeds in an effort to secure the things they think will bring personal satisfaction. They do not know it, but they are living in a very dark world.

Imagine then, with me, that we are in a world of darkness. The isles of the sea, the frigid Arctic, the wretched hideouts of our own cities, or the teeming villages of the Orient—everywhere around you it is dark—so dark you cannot see your way.

Accompanying this darkness are certain limitations that intensify your uncertainty and fear. You can find no facilities for physical healing; there are no doctors, nurses, hospitals, medicines of any kind. Many about you are blind, lame, suffering from afflictions that shall all too soon sever life itself.

There are no material provisions for your physical needs, either. You are hungry! You have been hungry all day—all week—yes, your body has *always* craved more food than it has ever received.

And you are cold! The few clothes you wear are threadbare, and perhaps you have never had a coat that kept out the wintry chill, or a warmed room in which to work or rest.

In addition to all this, you are bound in a darkness of mind; your mind is a wilderness of ignorance. There are no schools, no teachers, no books, no radios—you are unaware of any methods of communication beyond a most limited verbal means of exchanging ideas.

And you have never heard of Jesus Christ who came to be the "light of the world." You have not discovered that wherever his word is preached, uncertainty, unrest, and physical and mental needs are quickly and wonderfully met.

In such a state you have become wholly dependent upon others for light. One who has caught the vision of what the "light of the world" can mean, must carry into your midst, that light.

(*The* LEADER *lights her tiny candle.*)

The beam is small indeed, but in such utter darkness it seems unusually bright. Its effectiveness, however, is definitely limited because of its size.

(*Pauses briefly to watch candle burn.*)

We know, too, how soon that one small light will be snuffed out because its minutes or seconds are numbered. Light must be shared if it is to be preserved. We must spend our lives, passing on the light.

(*The light is passed from the* LEADER'S *candle around the table to all other candles. While the flame is sent on, the* LEADER *continues speaking.*)

Because the life span of each of us is comparatively as brief as that of each candle that shines before us, we realize that our individual influence is weak and fluttering. We must seek some way by which we may unite our strength and our influence so that it need never die.

(*The* LEADER *should time her remarks to develop the next idea as the large candle is lighted.*)

So together we light a candle that will far outlive our own small flames. We unite our efforts in an organization that will continue to represent us and our Christ. Through the united work of our local, district, conference, and jurisdiction endeavors, we place under national leadership a steady flame of service that shall shine into all the dark places of the earth. It can penetrate where our small individual lights have no power to go. It will continue to burn as long as there are those who regard themselves as keepers of the light, as long as there are those who sincerely believe those words, "Ye are the light of the world."

Advance Program

CANDLES IN THE DARK

Light your candle, hold it high,
Others on your light rely.
Keep it shining through the dark,
Give away a precious spark.
Though it flicker through the rain,
Hold it, none must look in vain.
Winds may cause a fitful flare,—
Watch, and keep it burning there,
Luminous its steady flame,
Helping others be the same.
One small light can so inspire
A downcast world with fresh desire
Till a chain of twinkling light
Girds the earth, defeating night.

Ruth Williams Bright

PRAYER:

Dear Father, help us to realize anew that we are truly the "light of the world." Help us to carry our tiny flame of understanding and inspiration faithfully, no matter how dark our surroundings may be or how discouraged we may become. And may we as children of Thine, banded together in one great organization of service, continue to send into the midst of those who live in darkness the eternal light of Thy love. Amen.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR PROMOTION SECRETARY

(The following letter came from Mrs. Charles Cooper, president of the Western District, Dakota Conference)

"I WAS very busy one Monday evening writing personal letters to the local Woman's Society of Christian Service presidents in my district, urging their societies to be represented at the coming district meeting. There was a knock at the door, and my husband answered it: a special delivery letter for me. I am always a bit excited about telegrams and special delivery letters, and opened it quickly.

"It was from Mrs. Davis, our conference president, asking me to give special attention to a letter she was enclosing, and urging me, if it were at all possible, to comply with the request in the letter. The enclosed letter was from the Rev. Dana Lane, pastor of two rural churches, Camp Crook and Harding. He was earnestly pleading for some help in organizing Woman's Societies of Christian Service in his two churches.

"I got a map and found the location of Camp Crook and Harding. It was approximately 400 miles from where I live.

"If you feel you need to go, by all means do so"

"I asked my husband what he thought about it. His answer was, 'If you feel that you need to go, by all means do so.' He began telephoning about bus connections and found that if he drove me about fifty miles the next day I could catch a bus that would get me into Belle Fourche at 12:45 midnight. That was as far as I could go by bus.

"I then called Mr. Lane by long-distance telephone, and he agreed to meet me in Belle Fourche and take me out to Camp Crook and Harding for the Ladies' Aid meetings which were to be held on Wednesday.

"The first hundred miles are the hardest"

"The next afternoon I was on my way. I arrived in Rapid City at nine that evening, only to find that we had been given the wrong information and I could *not* get a bus to Belle Fourche until the next morning at 10:30. Again I called Mr. Lane, who was by then at a hotel in Belle Fourche. He assured me he would come to Rapid City after me, bright and early the next morning.

"I spent the night as guest of the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Rapid City. We rose early the next morning, as Mr. Lane was to call for me at seven o'clock. Seven o'clock came and went. Eight o'clock came and went. It was nine o'clock. I was beginning to get worried. Something must have happened. I was still a long way from my destination and the Ladies' Aid was to meet at two-thirty that afternoon.

"Falter not nor stay—"

"A few minutes after nine, Mr. Lane drove up. You could see at a glance that he was having car trouble. Steam was pouring from the radiator. It had taken him *four hours* to drive sixty-five miles. He wasn't at all sure we could get to Camp Crook. His car was a second-hand one, but he had been very thankful for it up to now. He felt that morning that he hadn't much left to be thankful for.

"The garage man made some repairs on the car and at eleven o'clock we left Rapid City. The car still wasn't working right, and we were in the heart of the Black Hills. Often we thought the car wouldn't make it.

"The farther north we went the more sagebrush there was. We had long since left the gravel highway; this road was a graded dirt road. As far as the eye could see there was nothing but sagebrush, no fences, now and then a dirt road crossing another. We had gone for miles and hadn't seen a house or farm of any kind. I remarked that surely no one could live in a country like *that;* but Mr. Lane assured me there were quite a few people living there. They were ranchers,

who raised sheep and some cattle. I later learned that it took quite a few acres of such land to raise *one* cow.

"Snow had fallen two days before, covering the ground to a depth of six inches on the level. However, most of it had melted by now, leaving the dirt road very muddy. We drove often on the open prairie to avoid the worst muddy spots in the road.

"I had long since given up the idea of visiting both Ladies' Aid meetings; the car was still heating and we had to stop often to let it cool off.

At long last—

"It must have been about three-thirty when we drove up to a farm house near Harding. The Ladies' Aid was meeting there; eight ladies were gathered around a quilt putting the finishing touches to it, for the bazaar which was held every fall. They were very glad to see me and listened attentively to what I had to say. Ever since I left home I had been wondering just what I would say to these women. I tried to make them see the vast organization of Methodist women —the broad view we as a Woman's Society of Chritsian Service have. I urged them to get the program material and the Spiritual Life packet.

"We went on to Camp Crook, arriving too late to attend their meeting. The next morning Mr. Lane took me out to several ranch homes (there were eight or ten members in the Aid society) and I visited with each and tried to leave a desire to become a part of our great working organization.

"Women of every denomination belong to the Ladies' Aid. There are only two churches in Camp Crook, a Catholic and a Methodist. I urged the women—Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, or whatever they were—to get behind the Methodist church and make it a working, living reality in their community.

"All the way home I couldn't get them off my mind. Camp Crook, with a population of perhaps one hundred people on ranches so far apart. (I had noticed there were flourishing liquor stores in that small town.) And Harding, eighteen miles away, with just a store and post office, but such a large area of ranch people who need a church. Remember them in your prayers.

"I hope to go back there again in the spring."

Speakers' table at the luncheon for Promotion and Recording Secretaries.
Reading from left to right: Mrs. Marion Jackson Downs, soloist; Mrs. John M. Pearson, chairman, Section of Education and Cultivation; Mrs. R. M. Howell, Promotion secretary, Southeastern Jurisdiction; Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, Executive Secretary, Organization and Promotion; Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver, recording secretary, the Woman's Division; Mrs. J. H. Rutherford, chairman of Standing Committee on Organization and Promotion; Miss Theressa Hoover, field worker.

Wesleyan Service Guild

By MARION LELA NORRIS, *Secretary*

THEY went to Cleveland, and hurried home to report to their Guilds. District and onference Guild Weekends can ell pick up some of the Cleveland uild Weekend emphases in their rograms. Each unit should have copy of the *Assembly Bulletin* 25 cents at Literature Headuarters).

A district Guild secretary reports hat in a new church, started by he church program of Advance, he helped a unit near by to rganize a Guild little more than a nonth after the church was dediated. It is such an enthusiastic roup that their program will surely nean much to the church and the mployed women in the commuity. The sponsoring unit will loubtless gain much from this xperience.

How about your Guild starting new unit in a near-by church?

Our theme for missions in the United States and its dependencies or the coming year is "Toward a Christian Community." (See list of texts and study guides on page 39 of this issue.)

Two letters from Guilds offer uggestions for community coperation.

A Community Project Within Our Midst

"Whenever the question of a community project' arises, there generally follows a discussion of all the philanthropic practices of the city and social services now so freely available from all types of organizations and charitable groups.

"But this year we of the local Guild found a solution within our own group. One of our members is employed by the county public schools as a visiting teacher; this brings her into direct contact with homes where there are children in need of clothing, food, or other services. The money allotted by us for community purposes is in her hands for distribution wherever the occasion seems most urgent. At each meeting we bring a donation of clothing or food, which is also added to the general collection that fills the trunk of her car. In many cases, ours can be the first assistance the family receives, for after the initial aid, it is frequently necessary to refer the family's name to the health department, welfare board, or back to the Guild and similar groups for additional subsistence.

"We chose this as a means of answering our question: 'Are they truly deserving?' Furthermore, it carries our service spirit over a period of months."

Our Wesleyan Service Guild on Labor Day

(This Guild was organized about three years ago.)

"Each year our local firemen celebrate Labor Day in a big way and with much fun and hilarity.

"It seemed to me, we as Christians and members of the Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service should show what we stand for, so I proposed a float and all became very enthusiastic.

"Our theme was the 'Church of Tomorrow' and we built an altar over which we put a large gold cross and the letters, in gold, of the theme.

"In front of the altar we had one of our little boys, dressed as a minister to lead the singing.

"We took a number of our Bible school children and planned to have them sing 'Jesus Loves Me.' As we were about to start, a very heavy rainstorm came up and the little ones had to be taken off, but the float moved on with the parade. Words could never express the feeling that came over us as we saw the float coming over the hill, torn by the raging rain and wind, but the theme and the cross holding their own.

"We had *Wesleyan Service Guild* in gold letters on each side of the wagon, and on the outside front a large emblem, exact duplicate of the Woman's Society of Christian Service emblem.

"The judges evidently realized the work, thought, and spirit of the whole thing for we received first prize."

"Give us the patience to accept the things that cannot be changed;
Give us the courage to change the things that can be changed;
Give us the wisdom to know the difference." ***—Niebuhr***

"To hear and not to do, is disintegrating.
Our emotions are stirred, and then evaporate."
—Sockman

Status of Women

By MRS. L. M. AWTREY, *Chairman*

THROUGHOUT the entire Woman's Society of Christian Service there seems to be a new interest in the work of the Committee on Status of Women. Due to the Advance program objectives, doors for wider service have been opened and greater responsibility placed upon the secretaries of Status of Women.

Women owe their present status to the Christian religion. It is inherent in God's will that woman's rights—social, political, religious—should be equal with those of man.

The home is the place where women give largely and unselfishly of their abilities, their talents, their time. If Christian homes are the hope of the world—and they are—it is the church woman's responsibility to help establish homes that reflect ideals, principles, and activities that are part of Christian character.

The church is the next place where women give of themselves in loyalty and service. It is a new day of opportunity for Methodist women. There are powers and energies that have never been called forth, and the Committee on Status of Women offers some suggestions that will help to release these powers.

In the *Officers' Letter File,** the letter to the secretary of Status of Women suggests many ways in which the work can be cultivated and promoted. The *Handbook on the Status of Women** is a basic guide for promotion and for presenting work in local, district, and conference meetings. Status of Women material can be found in THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, leaflets, and the secular press.

Every society should have a secretary and a committee on the Status of Women. If the society has circles, it is good to have the committee composed of a member from each circle to work with the secretary. The duties of the committee are outlined in *A Guide** (15 cents) and in the *Handbook on the Status of Women** (15 cents).

As plans for the Advance develop, the secretary should keep in close touch with all areas of the work, so that as a member of the Committee on Program she can do her share in planning all programs and studies. As a member of the Committee on Missionary Personnel, she is urged to make the survey in her church (one of the recommendations of the Committee on Status of Women), and assist in finding the thousand new missionaries that are needed. In this work, she might make a study of salaries and pensions of religious workers and find out whether present salaries have any relation to the difficulty of recruiting full-time workers.

Reports are necessary for the good of the work. There is a quarterly report blank in the *Record and Report Book* (50 cents). The district and conference blanks are kept at the Literature Headquarters in Cincinnati. The jurisdiction secretary is in charge of channeling these report blanks.

Summer schools will soon begin. In the conference schools to which many of you will go, it is the wish of the committee that you study *The Christian's Vocation,** by G. Bromley Oxnam. It fits in well with the plans and recommendations of Status of Women work. Also the study, *Near East Panorama,** by Glora M. Wysner For use with this text there is the attractive leaflet, *The Status of Women in Moslem Lands.**

The study book, *Women in American Church Life,** by Inez M. Cavert, and *Life and Work of Women in the Church,** the report from the World Council of Churches, are recommended for special studies or for discussion groups.

The following questions are suggested for use in summer schools, seminars, and programs:

"1. What are the attitudes in your church about the place of women in the church? Compare your findings with groups in other churches making a similar study.

"2. What reasons are given for the place that women occupy in your church—general—biblical—theological? As you consider these three questions compare your own findings with those of the study reported in this booklet.

"3. . . . Survey the work done by women as volunteers in local denominational organizations.

"4. What types of activities do your organizations stress? What other types of work may be needed? What groups are comparatively neglected in your program—newcomers—young women—industrial workers—business and professional women—the aged?

"5. In what kinds of tasks do men and women work together in your church—and in the churches of the community? What tasks do they do separately? Why?

"6. At what points has your relationship with the Council of Church Women affected both the kind of tasks undertaken by the women of your church and their effectiveness?

"7. . . . What facts do you need to know about the women employed by your local church and your denomination?

"8. How can you help to implement this whole study—through interdenominational and denominational survey groups, discussion and action groups, project committees?"

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or Distributing Offices.

On Curiosity

"I PRAY God that the mind of man may never lose its insatiable curiosity."

On an occasion honoring his birthday, A. J. Muste made these statements: "There are few things for which I am more grateful than for the fact that at sixty-five my curiosity is as unslaked as it was at six or sixteen. . . . I believe in the pursuit of knowledge, of truth, wherever it may lead. The fact that scientists prostitute their knowledge, imagination, and skill to make atomic bombs and biological weapons causes no greater revulsion in me than the suggestion that 'There are some things that the human mind should not pry into.' No safety or peace in any sphere of life is ever purchased by an evasion, a slurring over, a trembling at fact or truth. . . . I pray God that the mind of man may never lose its insatiable curiosity—which is the courage of the mind—or have it even a little dulled. The remedy for the risks which that involves is . . . that man should develop a conscience to match his mind."

Is not the aim of Missionary Education that of keeping alive the curiosity of mankind and helping them to develop consciences to match their minds and minds to match their consciences?

Let us take a look at the help offered in fulfilling these aims, particularly in the following studies planned for the year 1950-51: "A Christian's Vocation," "Corporate Worship," "The Near East," "Towards a Christian Community."

For "A Christian's Vocation," the text, *The Christian's Vocation,** applying Christian principles to economic life, written by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, attempts to point up the relation of the Christian's profession or occupation to the economic system and individual and group practices, and to indicate the basis for the Christian's choice and use of his vocation.

For the course on Worship, Maude White Hardie has written, *We Seek Him Together.** It is a book dealing with the devotional life of the local woman's group and is a companion book to *Newness of Life,** written by Estelle Carver two years ago to enrich personal worship. In addition to the information and inspiration the reader will receive from each of the chapters, there is a bibliography of choice, devotional books, representing various periods of history. Marie Cole Powell has written a guide for the study which in addition to giving guidance for use of the text, includes valuable material for any teacher of worship or any person planning worship services.

The pursuit of truth and the desire to share have led the authors of the texts on the Near East to the other side of the world. Glora Wysner in *Near East Panorama** shares her vivid experiences in Algeria and other countries undergoing religious, political, and economic upheaval. By incidents, anecdotes, and factual reports she illustrates the problems confronting Christianity in the Moslem world. J. Christy Wilson for twenty years acquainted himself with the history, character, and accomplishments of Islam. In simple terms with photographs, he portrays these and points out the spiritual elements unique in Christianity. Helen Baker, wife of the author of *New World Ahead,* who with her husband was most active in missionary work in Japan and Iraq, has written the *Guide for Near East Panorama.** Newspapermen, other missionaries of long experience in Iran and Arabia, and members of college faculties in Turkey are among those who contribute exciting supplementary material.

What makes the study, "The Near East," fascinating is that it deals with the thoughts and longings, the possessions and deprivations, the joys and sorrows of people. It shows their concepts of God and man and the universe and how these concepts affect their lives emotionally and materially.

People nearer home are no less interesting and in some respects as little known. Violet Wood is writing for adults a gripping story of a former missionary to Japan who for twenty-three years has been physician and master of many trades in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. The book is entitled *So Sure of Life.** Mark Rich in *Rural Prospects** has written a study of the church and the rural community in which he cites examples of Christian service to neighborhood life. A guide, giving directions for the use of materials available for the study, has been prepared by Oscie Sanders.

Be as curious as you like about these books!

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"In books . . . we foresee things to come . . . ; if investigating you interrogate them, they conceal nothing."

"Give a man this taste (for good books) and you . . . place him in contact with the best society in every period of history—with the wisest, the wittiest, the tenderest, the bravest, and the purest characters who have adorned humanity. You make him a denizen of all nations, a contemporary of all ages."

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The Methodist Student Movement

By DR. H. D. BOLLINGER, *Secretary of Student Work, Board of Education*

THE Methodist Student Movement has been established as a *church* student movement; that is, the church offers within her own body and life the opportunity for her own young people to find local and intercollegiate Christian expression in a *church student movement* that is *of* the church, *in* the church and *through* the church. The ecumenical church means the awakening church, the renewing church, and we are happy to have this manifestation within the student life of Methodism. It is with a humble sense of pride that we point to the fact that leaders of the Methodist Student Movement have, with others, taken the leadership in the formation of the ecumenical movement of campus Christian life in this country, the United Student Christian Council, and in helping to bring the students of the world to a new consciousness of the church through the World's Student Christian Federation.

The Methodist Student Movement is engaged in a continuous task of promoting a thought process. The mission of a voluntary Christian agency on a campus is all too seldom realized.

What is the mission of religion in university life? The Methodist Student Movement seeks to rise to that stature of religious maturity in campus Christian life that finds the answer in intellectual integrity, spiritual wholeness, the integration of truth, fullness of faith, and in the power of community that comes when mind and spirit are blended in the discipline of a group that is seriously bent on the discovery of the truth that really sets men free.

Perhaps the achievement of which the Department of Student Work is most proud in the thought process of campus religious life is in the magazine, *motive*. It is well known that it does not deal with superficial issues. Large numbers of national and world leaders have voluntarily contributed without remuneration to its pages, and without any advertising or promotion it gains subscriptions steadily among students and faculty and this says something significant concerning what it seeks to do.

motive, from the beginning, has held a particular and special spot. It is a magazine of a church student movement "beamed" to college students and faculty.

The Student Council

The best illustration of the "religious activity program" is in the student council. In each Methodist college there is some sort of a campus Christian council. In the Wesley Foundations at the state and independent colleges and universities they are known as the Wesley Foundation Student Councils. These student councils are the groups of Christian college men and women who go through some such experience as hereinafter described. They come together in a retreat or planning conference. They fundamentally face this question: What are the religious needs of our campus, our community, and our world this year? They match their Christian idealism against the question and come up with the answer in terms of a program that they seek to develop. They usually organize their council by commissions and thousands of students have found God's will for their lives simply because they have set out with a few fellow students to render some service that their own group has helped them to see the necessity of accomplishing. It becomes an experience in churchmanship, a practice of faith. In it they have found new fellowship and that sense of community which the university so often fails to provide.

The Methodist Student Movement proceeds on the assumption that the American college campus is perhaps the greatest mission field in the world; that the campus may become a genuine part of the world community; and that there might actually emerge from the campus a generation of college students who would be the saving difference between world community and world chaos.

The philosophy of the Methodist Student Movement is very important at this point. It conceives that world friendship is not enough. It operates with the conviction that there is indeed a genuine world mission of the church and that the best expression of this is in the actual establishment of a miniature world Christian community in the local student unit. Its waves of influence spread evangelistically outward to moral and spiritual frontiers that are not necessarily geographical but in all instances are no less than global. There are certain methods in student work wherein this work is being done.

In an almost uncanny fashion there has been an evangelistic aspect of the Methodist Student Movement that is definitely after the pattern of the Wesleys. It will be remembered that during their Oxford days they had a holy club. It was a small, intimate group of students that came together for prayer, confession, theological discussion, and spiritual enrichment. It is just such groups that are an outstanding characteristic of the Methodist Student Movement at the present time. They are referred to as cell, fellowship, or prayer groups.

We are sincerely appreciative of the work of the student secretaries of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They are helping in all projects of student work.

Missionary Materials for Youth—1950-51

THE words "allow me to present" are used many times each day and the response is always one of interest and anticipation. As we present the new materials you will anticipate the pleasure of becoming better acquainted with the Near East and its people as well as with those of your own community. If you are the secretary of youth work and/or the adult adviser to the commission on missions and world friendship, or the counselor in the intermediate department you will share this information about materials with the youth chairman of the commission and others who have responsibility in planning for the program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

All of these materials and the missionary units in the church-school lessons are listed in *Missionary Materials for Youth,* 1950-1951.* Activities and projects are a part of well-planned mission study. Some groups will spend time other than Sunday morning and evening (perhaps once a week for four to six weeks) to study "The Near East" and "Toward a Christian Community."

Toward a Christian Community*

For Intermediates

The Third Wish, by Eleanor Hull. (Paper $1.00, cloth $1.75) The characters are teen-age boys and girls who find their places in a community-minded church.

The Swinging Church Door, by Louise B. Griffiths. (Paper 60c) A program guide for intermediate groups with discussion and worship material and activity suggestions.

For Seniors and Older Youth

Once There Were Two Churches, by Fred Wentzel. (Paper $1.00, cloth $1.75) Stories about various types of communities and the activities of individuals and groups who sought to make their neighborhoods more Christian.

The Church and Your Community, by Robert Tesdell. (Paper 50c) This program guide presents a clear view of the church and its mission in its own community, together with action plans that any alert Christian group can carry out!

The Near East*

For Intermediates

Pearls Are Made, by Ann M. Harrison. (Paper $1.00, cloth $1.75) This book tells an interesting story about Donna and her brother Hasan, revealing intimate glimpses of family, school, and community life on the Persian Gulf.

Where Three Continents Meet, by Winifred Hulbert. (Paper only, $1.00) An expanded course for intermediates that provides an opportunity to study the three religions—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity—that began in the Near East. Source material, activity plans, worship services, and a colored map of the area are provided in this course.

Desert Doctor (Paul Harrison of Arabia), by Constance M. Hallock, Eagle Book No. 57. (Paper 15c)

This is the exciting story of a missionary doctor's life and service in Arabia.

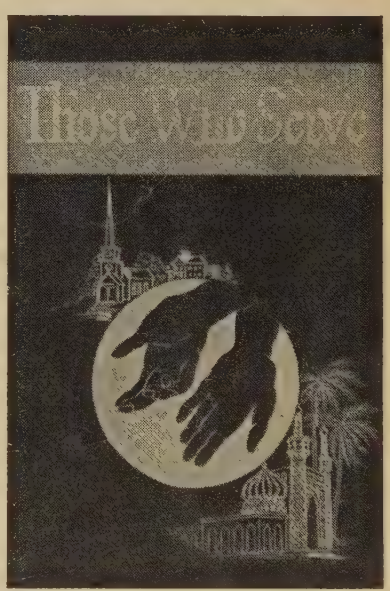
For Seniors and Older Youth

Assignment, Near East, by James Batal. (Paper $1.00, cloth $1.75) The story of the work of missionaries throughout the Near East is told by an author whose parents were born in Lebanon, and whose personal experience in this area during 1944-1945 made him an enthusiast for Christian missions.

The Near East—and You, by Sarah W. McDowell. (Paper 50c) This program guide provides session plans with a variety of interesting procedures, source material, and worship suggestions.

An elective unit, *Youth and Missions*[1] (35 cents), is a "must" for youth and leaders having responsibility for missions in the MYF.

The programs for girls meeting in World Friendship Groups to become better acquainted with the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service are entitled *Those Who Serve.** These programs tell of the work of the Woman's Division and are also related to the current themes. (Ready about July 15. Price, 65 cents.)



* Available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or Distributing Offices.

[1] Available from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE JULY PROGRAM

By MRS. H. W. BLAND DETWILER

"Never Again Such Insecurity"

CONCERN! Lest the summer months rob some society of this important meeting. If it is impossible to use this program now, file it for future use.

Miss McConnell in Program A and Miss Burris in Program B have given us much valuable material for understanding this world situation.

I. PUBLICITY. (1) "To the men and women who have been driven up and down the roads of the world these past ten years. . . ." (See *Program Material,** p. 131) What a thrilling caption for a poster or invitation! (2) On black cards written in white ink use such captions as "Never Again"; *or* "A Story of Israel"; or "Pogroms—What Are They" (my dictionary says "an organized massacre."); "What Would I Do in Their Place?"—followed by time, date, and place of meeting. (3) "Journey Into Palestine—Plane leaves at—" time, date, and place. (4) An attractive post card invitation on which is printed the theme and Scripture references (see *Worship Services,** pp. 24-25).

II. ATMOSPHERE. (1) Secular magazines, THE METHODIST WOMAN, and WORLD OUTLOOK hold many challenging picures of life in Israel today. Mount them on cardboard. (2) A circle might make a scrapbook to be displayed at the meeting, then to be sent to a shut-in member. (3) List on cardboard the excellent Suggestions for Action (see *Program Material,** pp. 135-136). Below the list print, "How many of these can our society accomplish?" (4) Make a similar list of the great Jewish holidays (p. 136). (5) While folks are gathering, play some records of delightful Hebrew music.

III. WORSHIP and PROGRAM. (1) Follow the program outline, p. 130, *Program Material.** (2) Begin with the reading of the Meditation, p. 24, *Worship Services,** the reader wearing an authentic Hebrew costume (Rent for 60 cents from Costume Bureau, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois). (3) "Never Again . . ." may be given as a monologue by a child, or as a dialogue between a "social worker" and a child. (4) "Israel Is Not Just a Sanctuary" (p. 131) may be used as a map study. (5) If Hebrew speakers are available in your community, use them. (6) Have a discussion on "The Growth of Zionism," (p. 132) (7) The department of Christian Social Relations suggests the film, "Tomorrow's a Wonderful Day." We recommend it with delight. It is the story of the rehabilitation of the children of Palestine; centers around a lad fifteen years old; includes the festivals, work on the land, educational training. It is superb for children, youth, and adults. Running time, 50 minutes. May be obtained from Children to Palestine, 1819 Broadway, New York, N. Y., c/o Miss Olivia S. Terrell.

SUMMER VACATIONS

Are you wondering where you will spend your vacation? If you are a deaconess or missionary, we are sure we have the answer to your problem.

The Woman's Division is responsible for the direction of two vacation rest homes in Chautauqua each summer. These homes are open during July and August.

***Fenton Home* is for deaconesses only, and there is no charge to them for lodging.**

Address Miss Cynthia Brooks, 331 College Street, Asheville, North Carolina, for reservations.

***Chautauqua Missionary Cottage* receives a wider group of workers. Deaconesses, missionaries, and other church workers find it a restful vacation home in a beautiful location overlooking Lake Chautauqua. Deaconesses and missionaries are given special rates. Others are admitted at regular rates. Address Mrs. Charles H. Thomas, 133 Hamilton Drive, Snyder 21, N. Y.**

So They Say

Thank You

"I think we have the best paper now that we have ever had, with all the added information under one cover. I shall be a bigger booster for it than ever." —*Mrs. George Robb, Estherville, Iowa.*

"Congratulations on the new improved METHODIST WOMAN." —*Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tennessee.*

"I wish to compliment you on the last copies of THE METHODIST WOMAN. The March number is one of the best. It can be used for program material in small societies as well as large." —*Mrs. John Kendall, Wisconsin.*

"I thought the last copy of THE METHODIST WOMAN with all the supplementary pages was super." —*Mrs. C. W. Stacey, Salem, Oregon.*

"Have just received my copy of THE METHODIST WOMAN. It's a grand issue. . . . I want you to know that the magazine is appreciated in every way." —*Miss Louise Lafetra, Mt. Vernon, New York*

"We love our METHODIST WOMAN. It is a grand magazine." —*Mrs. Alex Ross, Flushing, Michigan.*

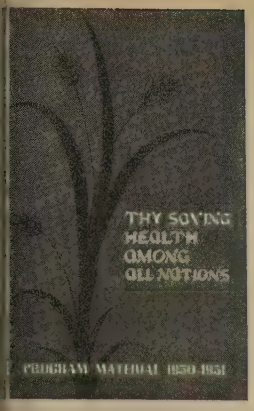
"For the past several months, the women have been highly gratified over the appearance of skits in THE METHODIST WOMAN. . . . Lately there have been some on the work of the Membership Committee, on the United Nations, one to be used with the study on Japan, one with *We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church,* and one on "The Ghost of a Dead Society." Enthusiastic comments have come to us on all of these." —*Mrs. R. H. Cole, Magnolia, Arkansas.*

Then Again—And Thank You, Too

"I was disappointed in the March issue because it did not have a good Easter meditation. I like the magazine very much, but do like to have it include articles that can be used for worshipful devotionals." —*Mrs. Edgar Hardy, Marietta, Ohio.*

"Will THE METHODIST WOMAN go on with its ostrich-like attitude toward the liquor problem? . . . Will our magazine come to grips with reality and give the Christian woman who doesn't want to yield to the local pressure of drinking some ammunition? Some program? Some simple facts?" —*Mrs. Jack Grenfell, Bayside, New York.*

***So glad you asked those questions. It gives me the chance to announce that we are planning to run a series of articles on Alcohol Education in the very near future. And the May, 1951, program is on Alcohol and Narcotic Drugs, too.* —Mrs. C. A. Meeker, Editor.**



PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

September, 1950, through August, 1951

Thy Saving Health Among All Nations

Packet, 60 cents

Ready about June 15, 1950

The **Program Packet** contains **Program Material** and **Worship Booklet.** 60 cents.

The **Program Material** will contain two versions of each program, a simplified plan for small societies and the regular material. Each Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild should have one program book for each member of the program committee. 50 cents each, three for $1.25.

The worship services are correlated with each month's program. Each Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild member should have a **Worship Booklet** for personal use. 15 cents each, ten for $1.25.

(Spanish edition—**Program Material** and **Worship Booklet** under one cover—50 cents. Publication date to be announced.)

APPROVED STUDIES

Theme: The Near East

Near East Panorama. By Glora M. Wysner. For description see page 35. $1.00.

Guide on "The Near East" for Leaders of Adult Groups. By Helen E. Baker. Ready about July 15. 35 cents.

Supplementary Material:

Status of Women in Moslem Lands. This leaflet points up the outstanding achievements and progress in the advancement of womanhood in Moslem lands today. Free for postage.

Theme: Toward a Christian Community

Rural Prospect. By Mark Rich. For description see page 35. $1.00.

Guide on "Toward a Christian Community" for Leaders of Adult Groups. By Oscie Sanders and Leslie Sayre. Ready about August 15. 35 cents.

Theme: A Christian's Vocation

The Christian's Vocation. By G. Bromley Oxnam. For description see page 35. 60 cents.

Suggestions for Leaders. Price and release date to be announced.

Supplementary Material:

The Vocation and Avocation of an Employed Woman. Incidents from the lives of Methodist women who have applied their Christian standards to the situations that came up in their day-to-day lives. Wesleyan Service Guilds will welcome the suggestions this leaflet contains. Free for postage.

Theme: Corporate Worship

We Seek Him Together. By Maude White Hardie. For description see page 35. 60 cents.

A Guide to We Seek Him Together. By Marie Cole Powell. 15 cents.

Supplementary Material:

Newness of Life. By Estelle C. Carver. 50 cents.

NEW MATERIAL

Lift Thou Thy World. A splendid new leaflet on the work of the Woman's Division. Free for postage.

World Federation of Methodist Women. 10 cents.

Where Does Christian Citizenship Start? Information on "The National Citizens' Roll Call of Methodist Women." 3 cents, 12 for 25 cents, 100 for $1.75.

Tenth Annual Report, 1949-1950. Contains vital information for every member of the Woman's Society. 50 cents.

A Sacrificial Meal. New. By Hazel Brownson. 10 cents, 3 for 25 cents.

Officers' Letter File, 1950-1951. Personal letters from officers of the Woman's Division to corresponding officers in the local society. 35 cents.

Calendar of Suggested Activities, 1950-1951. Reprint from Officers' Letter File. 2 cents, 6 for 10 cents.

Status of Women Handbook. Ready about June 1. 15 cents.

Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work. 15 cents.

A Guide. Revised Edition. Each officer should have a copy to insure more efficient work. 15 cents.

Woman's Society Program Calendar. For distribution to members after outlining the year's program. 5 cents.

Record and Report Book for Promotion Secretary and Other Secretaries—Local Church. Available June 1. 50 cents.

Record and Report Book for District Promotion Secretary. Available June 1. 50 cents.

Record and Report Book for Conference Promotion Secretary. Available June 1. 50 cents.

We shall appreciate your co-operation in sending the following postage for free leaflets in quantity orders: 10 copies, 3 cents; 25 copies, 5 cents; 50 copies, 15 cents; 100 copies, 25 cents.

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FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FOR

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSIONS

Henrietta Gibson

Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS						
	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1949-50	Total Pledged 1949-50	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriations 1949-50
Central:							
Atlanta	$ 577.35	$ 166.08	$ 743.43	$ 1,842.00	$ 23.50	$ 3.00	$ 769.93
Central Alabama	551.21	10.00	561.21	950.00	7.50	3.00	571.71
Central West	573.00	27.00	600.00	800.00	52.63	4.00	656.63
Delaware	3,377.25	258.25	3,635.50	5,500.00	182.00	17.50	3,835.00
East Tennessee	393.60		393.60	650.00			393.60
Florida	230.00	20.00	250.00	350.00	5.00	5.00	260.00
Lexington	3,275.59	309.17	3,584.76	4,500.00	103.87	34.00	3,722.63
Louisiana	542.00	106.25	648.25	2,783.00	41.45	5.00	694.70
Mississippi	1,088.71	135.20	1,223.91	2,000.00	19.50	8.20	1,251.61
North Carolina	1,160.00	38.00	1,198.00	1,500.00	10.00	10.00	1,218.00
Savannah	198.50	3.00	201.50	550.00		1.00	202.50
South Carolina	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,642.00	30.50		2,030.50
South Florida	243.75	10.00	253.75	325.00	5.00		258.75
Southwest	144.00		144.00	600.00	22.00	15.00	181.00
Tennessee	580.00	64.00	644.00	1,100.00	64.00	16.00	724.00
Texas	1,817.75	110.75	1,928.50	2,396.00	113.31	33.39	2,075.20
Upper Mississippi	224.45	9.52	233.97	450.00	19.50	17.75	271.22
Washington	2,261.00	444.90	2,705.90	5,200.00	159.00	3.00	2,867.90
West Texas	634.00	90.25	724.25	1,200.00			724.25
Total	19,872.16	1,802.37	21,674.53	35,338.00	858.76	175.84	22,709.13
North Central:							
Dakota	14,048.36	443.65	14,492.01	16,500.00	776.00	61.58	15,329.59
Detroit	65,169.03	2,262.62	67,431.65	107,000.00	2,432.64	296.59	70,160.88
Illinois	97,512.34	4,585.43	102,097.77	160,000.00	3,200.63	551.66	105,850.06
Indiana	60,756.52	4,747.95	65,504.47	85,000.00	2,010.50	1,078.76	68,593.73
Iowa-Des Moines	55,480.75	2,068.19	57,548.94	73,200.00	3,886.73	381.40	61,817.07
Michigan	46,095.99	2,759.87	48,855.86	82,919.00	1,922.54	462.27	51,240.67
Minnesota	45,922.13	1,995.00	47,917.13	80,000.00	693.68	454.31	49,065.12
North Dakota	14,192.23	187.00	14,379.23	21,313.00	357.00	209.57	14,945.80
North Indiana	56,566.24	2,570.13	59,136.37	112,000.00	3,183.66	883.06	63,203.09
North-East Ohio	108,285.60	4,374.28	112,659.88	168,456.00	3,501.20	1,132.58	117,293.66
Northwest Indiana	26,305.74	830.82	27,136.56	50,565.00	1,236.46	403.65	28,776.67
North Iowa	66,158.60	2,131.91	68,290.51	112,000.00	4,170.63	353.17	72,814.31
Ohio	122,277.18	5,409.00	127,686.18	214,700.00	6,140.00	1,706.00	135,532.18
Rock River	89,347.13	4,824.18	94,171.31	135,135.00	2,373.00	552.08	97,096.39
Southern Illinois	25,874.55	3,443.50	29,318.05	28,000.00	2,278.10	468.46	32,064.61
West Wisconsin	16,176.96	596.50	16,773.46	23,000.00	431.33	62.13	17,266.92
Wisconsin	24,454.20	1,112.09	25,566.29	39,750.00	699.42	182.49	26,448.20
Total	934,623.55	44,342.12	978,965.67	1,509,538.00	39,293.52	9,239.76	1,027,498.95
Northeastern:							
Baltimore	74,124.94	2,040.43	76,165.37	100,000.00	1,902.11	225.73	78,293.21
Central New York	31,298.26	775.56	32,073.82	48,000.00	1,038.94	133.69	33,246.45
Central Pennsylvania	30,492.25	616.66	31,108.91	54,000.00	895.62	203.82	32,208.35
Erie	39,396.88	392.34	39,789.22	65,000.00	1,264.29	345.71	41,399.22
Genesee	34,019.98	689.77	34,709.75	55,000.00	335.40	34.78	35,079.93
Maine	5,946.60	110.09	6,056.69	8,800.00	66.46	18.30	6,141.45
Newark	42,287.73	1,208.08	43,495.81	68,400.00	666.24	193.07	44,355.12
New England	21,023.60	270.40	21,294.00	34,000.00	486.51	182.78	21,963.29
New England Southern	12,288.60		12,288.60	20,000.00	384.13		12,672.73
New Hampshire	3,929.41	238.00	4,167.41	6,800.00	59.00	68.54	4,294.95
New Jersey	34,269.10	756.57	35,025.67	50,414.00	1,756.21	260.68	37,042.56
New York	22,610.58	1,833.10	24,443.68	34,000.00	67.07	97.16	24,607.91
New York East	35,482.23	1,974.34	37,456.57	50,770.00	439.63	70.06	37,966.26
Northern New York	19,694.07	622.28	20,316.35	26,000.00	304.37	85.65	20,706.37
Peninsula	25,799.61	103.02	25,902.63	34,000.00	483.03	157.38	26,543.04
Philadelphia	54,012.10	3,496.59	57,508.69	68,000.00	1,001.84	529.07	59,039.60
Pittsburgh	71,027.44	987.75	72,015.19	90,000.00	2,028.40	683.47	74,727.06
Troy	31,859.01	717.25	32,576.26	51,000.00	356.06	61.82	32,994.14
West Virginia	78,062.50	4,552.85	82,615.35	106,000.00	5,526.95	370.99	88,513.29
Wyoming	34,923.64	373.14	35,296.78	48,000.00	197.50	95.84	35,590.12
Puerto Rico Provisional							
Total	702,548.53	21,758.22	724,306.75	1,018,184.00	19,259.76	3,818.54	747,385.05
South Central:							
Central Kansas	62,885.06	3,697.08	66,582.14	136,500.00	3,939.06	728.84	71,250.04
Central Texas	35,527.03	5,798.51	41,325.54	55,000.00	1,377.55	209.96	42,913.05
East Oklahoma	26,394.20	3,913.87	30,308.07	46,872.00	1,483.64	97.34	31,889.05
Indian Mission	690.08		690.08	600.00	27.90	2.21	720.19
Kansas	37,165.87	2,529.21	39,695.08	63,000.00	1,483.70	410.59	41,589.37
Little Rock	34,735.80	3,738.53	38,474.33	50,000.00	1,407.89	136.92	40,019.14

FIRST NINE MONTHS—1949-50

AND CHURCH EXTENSION—THE METHODIST CHURCH

Treasurer

DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General Appropriations	Conference Work	Total on Appropriations 1949-50	Total on Appropriations 1948-49	Week of Prayer (Including W. S. G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
769.93		$ 769.93	$ 1,364.41	$ 40.48	$ 44.95		$ 4.00		$ 859.36
571.71		571.71	455.78	13.15	18.05		2.25		605.16
656.63		656.63	457.31	158.00	13.50		2.10		830.23
2,501.72	$ 1,333.28	3,835.00	4,350.12	167.77	138.00		15.00		4,155.77
393.60		393.60	517.00	15.05					408.65
260.00		260.00	105.00	34.00			2.00		296.00
3,722.63		3,722.63	2,981.40	299.67	63.46		7.85		4,093.61
694.70		694.70	1,617.75	13.01	62.01		5.41		775.13
1,251.61		1,251.61	932.87	161.07	42.95		10.95		1,466.58
1,218.00		1,218.00	1,032.29	20.00			7.00		1,245.00
202.50		202.50	206.00	40.18	30.00	$ 1.00	2.00		275.68
2,030.50		2,030.50	1,858.00	143.82	135.77				2,310.09
258.75		258.75	232.25	45.50	5.00				309.25
181.00		181.00	336.00	17.00	15.00		10.00		223.00
724.00		724.00	515.90	31.23	114.10	100.00	3.00		972.33
2,075.20		2,075.20	1,696.05	125.00	136.75		5.00		2,341.95
271.22		271.22	248.07	11.19	22.25				304.66
2,867.90		2,867.90	4,119.51	196.88	81.25		13.25		3,159.28
724.25		724.25	826.17	125.91	132.50				982.66
21,375.85	1,333.28	22,709.13	23,851.88	1,658.91	1,055.54	101.00	89.81		25,614.39
15,329.59		15,329.59	14,055.69	1,326.69	1,372.40				18,028.68
66,927.60	3,233.28	70,160.88	72,906.48	3,412.57	3,708.50	1,626.65	80.82		78,989.42
91,900.06	13,950.00	105,850.06	90,801.78	5,069.63	9,411.71	1,849.92	91.36	$ 100.00	122,372.68
65,478.11	3,115.62	68,593.73	61,461.79	4,116.51	3,132.21	2,607.71	73.05		78,523.21
57,009.07	4,808.00	61,817.07	59,935.18	4,434.36	2,857.11	1,570.21	97.00	400.00	71,175.75
45,110.67	6,130.00	51,240.67	46,075.16	3,028.27	3,548.57	5,862.25			63,679.76
49,065.12		49,065.12	53,449.95	3,222.63	4,029.41	528.45			56,845.61
14,945.80		14,945.80	11,181.46	995.16	810.10	113.00	3.50		16,867.56
58,703.09	4,500.00	63,203.09	74,889.16	3,272.39	3,402.51	358.00	62.70	5.00	70,303.69
108,977.29	8,316.37	117,293.66	134,752.74	5,729.80	3,735.75	10.00	114.81		126,884.02
28,776.67		28,776.67	34,079.70	2,006.01	1,227.93	550.00	46.20		32,606.81
70,417.00	2,397.31	72,814.31	71,644.17	5,729.49	5,589.34	1,354.33	90.86	25.00	85,603.33
117,682.21	17,849.97	135,532.18	152,983.11	7,522.08	8,919.87	11,180.00	160.00		163,314.13
91,201.39	5,895.00	97,096.39	93,042.40	2,813.39	2,606.96	2,109.39	107.50	2,005.00	106,738.63
32,064.61		32,064.61	26,130.19	2,975.29	2,288.12	886.90	25.00	10.00	38,249.92
16,200.27	1,066.65	17,266.92	15,421.64	1,292.68	928.27	1,170.41	27.50	1,158.05	21,843.83
26,448.20		26,448.20	27,522.94	1,688.79	826.42	283.00	17.87		29,264.28
956,236.75	71,262.20	1,027,498.95	1,040,333.54	58,635.74	58,395.18	32,060.22	998.17	3,703.05	1,181,291.31
66,593.21	11,700.00	78,293.21	74,098.04	5,322.06	2,824.45	308.75	68.80	15.00	86,832.27
32,871.51	374.94	33,246.45	33,094.11	1,238.54	1,314.30	500.65			36,299.94
27,875.07	4,333.28	32,208.35	31,309.32	1,635.49	1,005.02	110.00	71.72	99.00	35,129.58
37,649.28	3,749.94	41,399.22	40,307.39	3,141.43	5,432.28	1,306.50	43.95		51,323.38
32,013.29	3,066.64	35,079.93	39,968.75	1,736.32	1,233.51	713.00	39.26	91.00	38,893.02
5,621.45	520.00	6,141.45	5,263.19	498.48	182.75				6,822.68
40,305.12	4,050.00	44,355.12	39,775.50	1,964.64	578.71	276.00	40.00	589.00	47,803.47
14,463.32	7,499.97	21,963.29	24,034.44	412.41	1,514.65	1,915.10			25,805.45
10,422.73	2,250.00	12,672.73	15,770.70	326.76	569.85		17.00		13,586.34
4,294.95		4,294.95	4,739.95	245.85	133.75				4,674.55
33,292.60	3,749.96	37,042.56	31,122.50	1,399.47	726.40		42.62		39,211.05
24,607.91		24,607.91	23,929.34	921.84	853.05	261.25	27.45		26,671.50
34,961.26	3,005.00	37,966.26	36,439.19	1,726.25	1,993.12	87.24	40.00		41,812.87
20,706.37		20,706.37	18,792.85	1,395.93	549.12	85.90			22,737.32
22,343.10	4,199.94	26,543.04	23,239.00	2,031.75	1,567.00	278.82	48.09		30,468.70
46,989.60	12,050.00	59,039.60	53,010.06	3,268.59	1,724.02	1,649.05	56.46		65,737.72
61,227.06	13,500.00	74,727.06	66,768.49	3,923.39	3,553.77	418.00	33.38	126.60	82,782.20
32,994.14		32,994.14	26,854.59	1,212.12	986.94	333.70	42.00	45.00	35,613.90
80,563.29	7,950.00	88,513.29	85,661.08	9,866.47	8,343.19	150.00	77.97		106,950.92
31,690.15	3,899.97	35,590.12	26,761.03	1,391.89	1,601.80	463.62	40.55	45.00	39,132.98
661,485.41	85,899.64	747,385.05	700,939.52	43,659.68	36,687.68	8,857.58	689.25	1,010.60	838,289.84
70,031.35	1,218.69	71,250.04	80,243.55	5,186.11	4,407.42	902.25	75.69		81,821.51
42,913.05		42,913.05	51,814.68	6,546.52	4,348.64	70.11	28.39	10.00	53,916.71
31,889.05		31,889.05	29,109.76	3,779.45	2,053.58		26.75		37,748.83
720.19		720.19	406.25	113.75	8.05		2.02		844.01
37,189.37	4,400.00	41,589.37	47,787.60	2,755.11	2,785.78	100.00			47,230.26
39,769.14	250.00	40,019.14	37,703.57	3,427.87	2,055.66	503.99	27.31	9.00	46,042.97

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FO

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSION

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Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS						
	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1949-50	Total Pledged 1949-50	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriations 1949-50
South Central (Continued):							
Louisiana	$ 41,069.85	$ 5,727.12	$ 46,796.97	$ 70,000.00	$ 2,137.67	$ 237.01	$ 49,171.6
Missouri	29,377.50	1,073.29	30,450.79	26,500.00	689.07	180.34	31,320.2
Nebraska	63,128.92	3,270.40	66,399.32	100,000.00	983.15	486.13	67,868.6
New Mexico	12,575.03	1,879.13	14,454.16	15,000.00	769.13	15.56	15,238.8
North Arkansas	24,199.30	4,164.60	28,363.90	39,000.00	666.37	79.59	29,109.8
North Texas	40,077.45	2,625.00	42,702.45	50,000.00	750.00	112.50	43,564.9
Northwest Texas	34,671.76	3,768.57	38,440.33	35,000.00	2,947.24	91.75	41,479.3
St. Louis	36,577.24	3,698.07	40,275.31	50,000.00	626.23	255.40	41,156.9
Rio Grande	478.48		478.48	667.00	77.10	7.63	563.2
Southwest Missouri	31,769.66	2,104.85	33,874.51	56,779.00	1,005.08	206.39	35,085.9
Southwest Texas	41,034.37	4,187.02	45,221.39	44,000.00	1,257.86	210.53	46,689.7
Texas	60,855.52	6,557.05	67,412.57	88,000.00	1,578.35	543.52	69,534.4
West Oklahoma	38,884.68	4,366.07	43,250.75	64,000.00	1,687.90	164.55	45,103.2
Total	652,097.80	63,098.37	715,196.17	990,918.00	24,894.89	4,176.76	744,267.8
Southeastern:							
Alabama	33,457.90	3,646.64	37,104.54	65,000.00	952.26	210.49	38,267.2
Cuba Mission							
Florida	61,412.07	5,112.99	66,525.06	85,000.00	3,319.65	220.37	70,065.0
Holston	35,811.56	6,438.44	42,250.00	55,000.00	3,765.95	192.30	46,208.2
Kentucky	26,778.30	3,328.58	30,106.88	42,000.00	1,363.07	214.20	31,684.1
Louisville	22,260.10	2,839.90	25,100.00	40,000.00	1,254.47	259.25	26,613.7
Memphis	36,776.20	6,393.56	43,169.76	50,000.00	1,207.99	181.71	44,559.4
Mississippi	28,516.51	5,206.53	33,723.04	42,000.00	2,986.79	114.57	36,824.4
North Alabama	48,084.94	5,955.95	54,040.89	67,500.00	2,960.20	184.75	57,185.8
North Carolina	57,893.28	6,409.61	64,302.89	80,000.00	2,451.33	448.36	67,202.5
North Georgia	69,183.75	11,078.30	80,262.05	100,000.00	2,233.41	575.41	83,070.8
North Mississippi	23,210.08	3,275.79	26,485.87	31,000.00	1,836.45	51.02	28,373.3
South Carolina	61,449.53	5,527.22	66,976.75	90,000.00	3,141.23	250.91	70,368.8
South Georgia	50,635.58	5,101.47	55,737.05	70,000.00	1,609.49	242.34	57,588.8
Tennessee	32,674.66	4,551.19	37,225.85	55,000.00	1,355.72	152.19	38,733.7
Virginia	108,044.79	8,446.08	116,490.87	120,000.00	6,359.89	442.00	123,292.7
Western North Carolina	66,218.74	8,561.49	74,780.23	80,000.00	3,216.68	270.65	78,267.5
Total	762,407.99	91,873.74	854,281.73	1,072,500.00	40,014.58	4,010.52	898,306.8
Western:							
Alaska Mission	435.84		435.84				435.8
California Oriental Mission	200.00		200.00	135.00			200.0
California-Nevada	45,350.24	2,370.32	47,720.56	68,000.00	1,469.28	284.71	49,474.5
Colorado	20,270.27	1,916.47	22,186.74	27,000.00	255.84	240.58	22,683.1
Hawaii Mission	1,139.22	40.87	1,180.09	2,000.00	29.69		1,209.7
Idaho	8,123.86	350.02	8,473.88	13,000.00	246.00	12.44	8,732.3
Latin American Provisional	105.00		105.00	135.00	6.33		111.3
Montana	9,567.95	607.05	10,175.00	13,500.00	143.00	86.74	10,404.7
Oregon	21,594.60	607.15	22,201.75	35,000.00	786.14	86.93	23,074.8
Pacific Northwest	29,856.43	1,276.86	31,133.29	50,000.00	1,114.02	126.37	32,373.6
Southern California-Arizona	116,728.05	4,498.48	121,226.53	190,000.00	3,111.40	704.35	125,042.2
Wyoming State	4,124.68	224.40	4,349.08	5,730.00	41.00	46.63	4,436.7
Total	257,496.14	11,891.62	269,387.76	404,500.00	7,202.70	1,588.75	278,179.2
Total from Conferences	3,329,046.17	234,766.44	3,563,812.61	5,030,978.00	131,524.21	23,010.17	3,718,346.9
Other Income for Appropriations:							
Deaconess Pensions							
Enrolled Missionary Pension Fund							
Missionary and Deaconess Temporary Disability Fund							
Interest Income Allocated from Endowments and Restricted Funds							
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations							
Student Fund							
Youth Work							
Grand Total	$3,329,046.17	$234,766.44	$3,563,812.61	$5,030,978.00	$131,524.21	$23,010.17	$3,718,346.9

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

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49,171.65		$ 49,171.65	$ 46,075.04	$ 6,552.66	$ 5,095.81	$ 2,595.00	$ 28.86		$ 63,443.98
31,320.20		31,320.20	19,182.31	2,768.43	2,492.68	1,638.0	37.30		38,256.63
64,718.60	$ 3,150.00	67,868.60	57,366.80	3,757.05	4,769.27	2,575.91	75.35		79,046.18
15,138.85	100.00	15,238.85	8,435.25	2,911.05	2,204.82	146.00	13.96		20,514.68
28,859.86	250.00	29,109.86	27,364.72	3,899.21	2,825.90	420.85	30.50	$ 30.50	36,316.82
43,564.95		43,564.95	46,088.00	7,814.18	1,306.22	1,500.00	33.00		54,218.35
41,479.32		41,479.32	34,578.80	7,380.64	6,005.01	965.00	24.99	23.85	55,878.81
41,156.94		41,156.94	35,177.59	3,961.96	5,833.85	20.00	27.60	20.00	51,020.35
563.21		563.21	492.34	417.63					980.84
35,085.98		35,085.98	35,497.54	4,310.53	2,585.70	279.00	33.29	115.65	42,410.15
46,689.78		46,689.78	47,443.33	8,422.24	5,895.22	890.00	35.96		61,933.20
69,534.44		69,534.44	71,227.44	9,087.03	9,578.21	40.00	49.06		88,288.74
45,103.20		45,103.20	41,285.46	4,833.41	4,196.49	1,946.34	35.23	60.00	56,174.67
734,899.13	9,368.69	744,267.82	717,280.03	87,924.83	68,448.31	14,592.47	585.26	269.00	916,087.69
38,267.29		38,267.29	47,420.47	8,456.72	3,456.45		30.41		50,210.87
				177.78		79.78			257.56
70,065.08		70,065.08	70,391.81	9,206.66	11,748.02	37,945.99		100.00	129,065.75
46,208.25		46,208.25	47,186.05	14,828.92	4,937.17	12,757.20	55.40	225.00	79,011.94
31,684.15		31,684.15	28,852.89	5,383.58	2,974.58	431.05	27.45		40,500.81
26,613.72		26,613.72	31,641.55	5,300.21	1,521.25	358.09	44.05	79.00	33,916.32
44,559.46		44,559.46	37,969.46	10,288.01	2,299.38	465.03			57,611.88
36,824.40		36,824.40	33,654.55	7,877.61	2,632.70	1,100.00	30.00	37.00	48,501.71
57,185.84		57,185.84	57,064.46	7,210.33	4,071.91				68,468.08
67,202.58		67,202.58	66,258.88	10,872.01	6,179.08	398.45	63.34	234.25	84,949.71
83,070.87		83,070.87	63,910.12	8,852.92	6,948.50	5.00			98,877.29
28,373.34		28,373.34	24,957.75	5,709.84	2,993.97	92.50	22.73		37,192.38
70,368.89		70,368.89	67,429.20	9,910.72	6,101.83	967.86			87,349.30
57,588.88		57,588.88	63,219.73	9,160.68	6,150.47	6,290.20			79,190.23
32,433.76	6,300.00	38,733.76	42,038.31	5,550.90	3,068.22	150.00	31.15		47,534.03
123,292.76		123,292.76	115,133.29	18,525.11	4,096.73	6,805.00			152,719.60
78,267.56		78,267.56	70,431.26	10,276.25	11,318.13	230.00			100,091.94
892,006.83	6,300.00	898,306.83	867,559.78	147,588.25	80,498.39	68,076.15	304.53	675.25	1,195,449.40
435.84		435.84	281.50	174.72			1.00		611.56
200.00		200.00							200.00
48,574.55	900.00	49,474.55	38,785.94	3,658.01	2,074.75	1,136.00	48.29	100.00	56,491.60
19,533.16	3,150.00	22,683.16	25,257.06	1,961.89	1,865.40	1,026.36	61.30		27,598.11
1,209.78		1,209.78	1,397.00	128.11		35.00			1,372.89
8,732.32		8,732.32	8,417.65	669.83	782.07	35.20	10.00		10,229.42
111.33		111.33	25.00	51.35					162.68
9,842.24	562.50	10,404.74	7,224.21	561.91	732.75	100.00	13.95		11,813.35
22,324.82	750.00	23,074.82	21,453.12	1,655.76	1,809.68	1,558.50	23.33		28,122.09
30,514.43	1,859.25	32,373.68	32,545.53	2,467.55	2,797.19	3,915.10	38.54	301.69	41,893.75
102,692.31	22,349.97	125,042.28	98,440.97	5,853.88	10,071.51	16,011.53	82.00		157,061.20
4,436.71		4,436.71	3,795.00	282.49	195.05		5.00		4,919.25
248,607.49	29,571.72	278,179.21	237,622.98	17,465.50	20,328.40	23,817.69	283.41	401.69	340,475.90
,514,611.46	203,735.53	3,718,346.99	3,587,587.73	356,932.91	265,413.50	147,505.11	2,950.43	6,059.59	4,497,208.53
38,965.44		38,965.44	37,933.43						38,965.44
366.81		366.81	92.70						366.81
880.00		880.00	500.00						880.00
8,116.28		8,116.28	10,565.05						8,116.28
4,460.54		4,460.54	5,180.39						4,460.54
2,680.57		2,680.57	1,127.04						2,680.57
58.22		58.22	47.75						58.22
55,527.86		55,527.86	55,446.36						
,570,139.32	$203,735.53	$3,773,874.85	$3,643,034.09	$356,932.91	$265,413.50	$147,505.11	$2,950.43	$6,059.59	$4,552,736.39

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